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Saints stretch unbeaten run with away draw



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FRUSTRATED: Southampton captain Adam Lallana looks to the linesman after his 'goal' (pictured inset) is disallowed in the first half.

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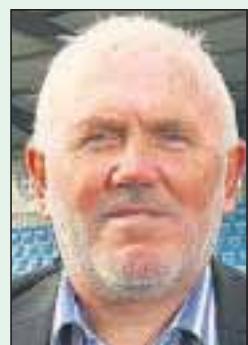
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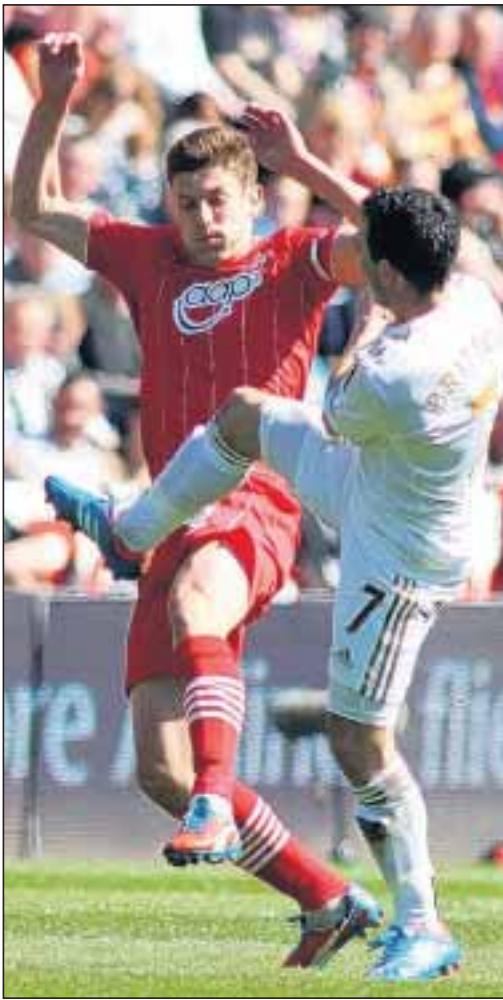
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BATTLE: Adam Lallana and Leon Britton.



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Gaston Ramirez.

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POCHETTINO'S UNBEATEN RUN

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Both sides made their intentions clear from the start – and they were very similar.

They were both playing the same formation, keeping the ball on the floor and trying to move it quickly to feet and adopting the same high pressing game.

The first half chance fell to Angel Rangel on the volley from right on the edge of the box but it went harmlessly wide.

Swansea continued to squeeze the pressure on Saints in the opening stages, dominating pos-

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session and pinning them back. But for all that Saints almost stung them with a shock score on a rare foray forward.

Jack Cork tried his luck from 25 yards on 14 minutes.

It was fairly central but the power behind it forced Michel Vorm to parry it upwards before mopping up the danger.

Jay Rodriguez was inspired to try from a similar distance six minutes later but his curling right footed effort wouldn't come down in time and sailed over the bar.

He came much nearer on 28 minutes when hitting a smart shot on the turn from the edge of the area but Vorm was able to get down to his right to block it.

Saints had certainly weathered that early storm and,

though Swansea were still stringing some beautifully slick passing moves together, it was the visitors looking more likely to create a genuine goalscoring opportunity.

They did get one from a set piece on 40 minutes and it so nearly brought the opening goal.

Saints won a free kick 25 yards out to the left of centre.

Rickie Lambert stepped up to take it and curled a wonderful right footed shot over the top of the wall and towards the top corner but Vorm produced a superb diving save to claw it over the bar.

There was a big moment of controversy moments later as Saints had what they felt was a perfectly legitimate goal disallowed by the officials.



A lofted cross from the right was challenged for by keeper Vorm and Adam Lallana in the air. The ball spilled down and Lallana turned home from close range.

However, the assistant referee on the far side had flagged, indicating that Lallana had headed the ball out of Vorm's two hands and unfairly challenged him in the air rather than the keeper having dropped it.

Referee Mark Halsey duly awarded the free kick to Swansea.

It was certainly a contentious and very close call and one Saints felt was incorrect.

They were further annoyed when Lambert went down in the area challenging for a ball with Ashley Williams and appealed for a penalty that wasn't given, but on this occasion it would have been a very soft one.

It was certainly Saints who didn't want the half time whistle to come as they had got through a tough opening to take control of the game.

Swansea made a half-time change with Wayne Routledge



SAINTS SUBS
K DAVIS, FONTE, SHAW,
WARD-PROWSE, PUNCHEON,
RAMIREZ, MAYUKA.

MAURICIO Pochettino made just one change to the Saints side that drew 1-1 with West Ham at St Mary's for the trip to Swansea.

That sole switch came in the attacking midfield roles where Jay Rodriguez was brought back into

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the starting line-up in place of Gaston Ramirez.

Rodriguez had been a second half sub against the Hammers after suffering from a virus the week before.

Luke Shaw had also been forced out of the game with that problem but returned to the squad for the trip to the Liberty Stadium.

However, he had to be content with a place on the bench as Danny Fox kept his place in the side.

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Saints Spotlight

stalemate moves Saints point closer to safety

MEN EXTEND TO SIX GAMES



ABOVE LEFT: Nathaniel Clyne watches his shot go close. LEFT: Referee Mark Halsey trips over Saints' Jay Rodriguez and sees the funny side, above.

ing in behind.

Maya Yoshida bailed Saints out of trouble on 66 minutes as he cleared off the line to keep the scores level.

An unfortunate touch from Lallana inside his own area saw the ball break through to Michu.

Boruc was quick off his line and so the striker, with his back to goal, opted to square to Dyer rather than shoot himself. Dyer struck goalwards first time but only picked out Yoshida on the line who was able to clear.

Swansea had a penalty appeal turned down on 74 minutes when Ki shot in the area. The ball clearly struck the left arm of Danny Fox but it was from relatively close range and the left back had his arm down by his side so it looked as though Halsey made the correct call.

Saints made a second change three minutes later as Jason Puncheon replaced Lallana. The Swansea pressure was really building and chances were starting to flow.

Boruc did well to come off his

line and make himself big to block from Routledge as he broke through.

Michu tried an ambitious effort from outside the area on the left moments later but missed the target by some way before a light hearted moment as Rodriguez inadvertently brought down referee Halsey.

Saints sensed the chance for a late winner and with a minute remaining Emmanuel Mayuka came on for a rare appearance in place of Rodriguez in the striker role.

He so nearly provided what would surely have been a winner as Steven Davis got to the right by-line and cut back to Mayuka whose shot took a slight deflection and was saved low at his near post by Vorm.

Saints won a free kick out on the left deep into three minutes of added time but Davis' inswinging delivery was dealt with and his follow up shot off target.

The final whistle went moments later with both sides having to settle for a point each.

coming on for Luke Moore, which meant that Michu pushed forward into the lone striker role.

That combination almost created a goal two minutes after the restart as Routledge got down the right and whipped in a cross that Michu met in the air but headed just off target.

Nathan Dyer tried a sidefooted shot from the edge of the area as Swansea started brightly again but it was straight at Artur Boruc who

gathered comfortably.

Swansea made a second change on 62 minutes with Ki Sung-Yeung coming on for Pablo Hernandez.

They went close again via the head of Michu moments later, this time his flicked effort from Halsey made the correct call.

Saints made an interesting change on 63 minutes with Gaston Ramirez replacing Lambert. Rodriguez went through the middle as the lone striker with Ramirez operat-

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**POCH:
I'LL TAKE
A POINT**

MAURICIO Pochettino admitted his Saints side weren't at their best at Swansea but was content with a goalless draw.

Neither team were at their best at the Liberty Stadium and in the end a point each was about right.

Pochettino's side have edged further clear of the drop zone and stayed in contact with a possible top half finish.

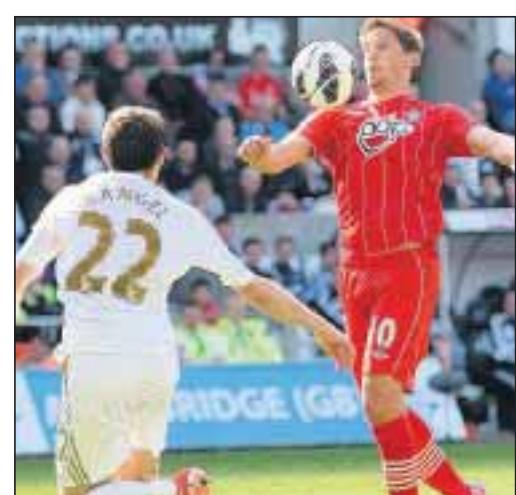
He said: "It wasn't a very good game but the positive side is that we got a point and didn't concede any goals.

"Perhaps it wasn't one of best game, actually it wasn't one of our best games, we did put in a good performance to not concede any goals but overall we were lacking the fluidity that we needed to impose our style of football."

He added: "I think we did have desire as well as Swansea did.

"Perhaps we didn't have the fluidity we wanted but I am happy with my team and the fact they still had that desire to win the game.

"It wasn't our best day but we did have the desire to win."



ABOVE:
Gaston
Ramirez
shows
some
neat close
control.

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■ LEAGUE ONE

Pompey escape 2013/14 penalty

POMPEY have finally exited administration and will be subject to a ten-point deduction this season, the Football League has confirmed.

The Pompey Supporters' Trust (PST) last night concluded their purchase of the Fratton Park club, bringing to an end the south-coast club's 14-month stay in administration.

The 2008 FA Cup winners saw their relegation to League Two confirmed on Tuesday, but last night's fan takeover will spark renewed optimism around the club.

And they will not have to start the new campaign on minus-ten points, after the Football League revealed this morning that the deduction would be imposed this season.

Football League chairman Greg Clarke said: "I would like to welcome the Pompey Supporters' Trust to the Football League and pay tribute to their efforts to save their club. They have galvanised the club's fans and the city of Portsmouth behind their cause and ensured that it continues to have a professional football club.

"However, the hard work is only just beginning and we will continue working with the new owners to help them establish a sustainable future for Portsmouth Football Club, so that it can put its long running financial troubles behind it for good."

Trevor Birch, pictured above, joint administrator of Pompey and partner at BDO, said: "We have cleared the final hurdle: all of the paperwork has now been signed and the sale concluded.

"It has taken more than 14 months of hard work from all concerned to get here and there were many times over that period when I didn't think we would make it; but we have, and Portsmouth Football Club can once again look forward to the future with optimism.

"The PST has shown what can be achieved when fans unite together for the good of their community. The club has been through considerable turmoil over the last few years, and I hope it can now enjoy a period of stability and the chance to build solid foundations for a sustainable future based on hard work and honest endeavour."

Ashley Brown, chairman of the Pompey Supporters' Trust, said: "What a momentous day. Once again Pompey fans have shown why they are some of the best in the land, we now have a club owned by people who truly love it, its fans. That's how football is supposed to be."



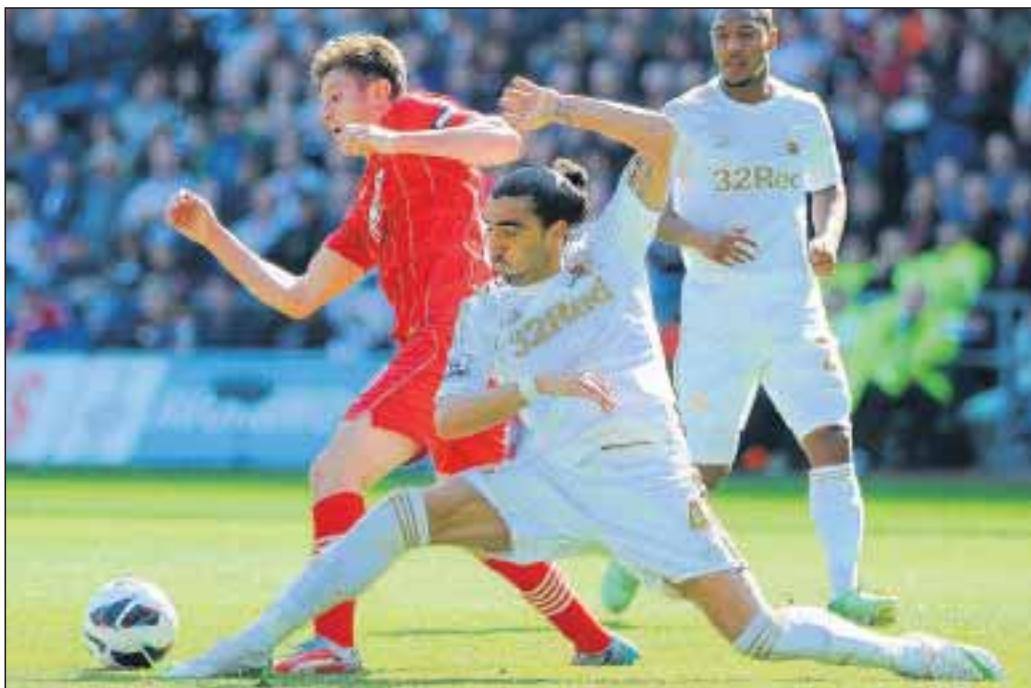
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TAKE OF LA LIGA AT



FIGHTING FOR THE BALL: Rickie Lambert, above, and Adam Lallana, below.



Swans and Saints turn on the style

IT IS perhaps no surprise these two teams cancelled each other out, given the similarity of their stylish approaches.

There might not have been any goals at the Liberty Stadium this afternoon, but few 0-0 draws will be as enjoyable as this one.

Both teams have rightly won plaudits for their brand of football this season, and they certainly rank as two of the Premier League's most attractive sides.

Swansea arguably played the better stuff today, on a pitch bathed in glorious sunshine, but Saints also proved again why they have become such an asset to the top flight.

Both teams can be a joy to watch and have the capability of providing some wonderful entertainment for their respective audiences.

That is in no small part down to their managers.

The influence of Michael Laudrup, the great Danish international who starred at Barcelona and Real Madrid, is clear to see on Swansea.

They are clever, incisive, and elegant.

For Saints, the arrival of Pochettino, born and bred in Argentina, but with a long history as a player and a manager in La Liga, has elevated the team to a new level.

The Swansea chairman, Huw Jenkins, clearly agrees with the route Saints are going down, having let Nigel Adkins go in favour for their latest boss.

"In my view, the change of manager from Nigel Adkins to Mauricio Pochettino was a big and bold switch, but one I believe has proved to be the right one for the Saints," he wrote in his programme notes.

"Mauricio will bring all his experience gained internationally with Argentina and from playing in Spain with RCD Espanyol. That experience and difference in thought is a big plus for Southampton as they work hard to establish themselves, like us, in the Premier League over the next few seasons."

Pochettino certainly encourages a stylish approach on the pitch, and he is apparently no different in his dress sense on the touchline, as his ensemble proved today – brown leather shoes, blue denim jeans and a black top.

It was not exactly your standard Premier League manager look, but the Argentine is a man who clearly likes to do things his own way.

Like his choice of clothing, however, Pochettino's team perhaps start-

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LIBERTY STADIUM



HIGH JUMP: Nathaniel Clyne jumps a tackle by Swansea's Pablo Hernandez.

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Dyer, who was working down the right against Danny Fox, was a particular threat.

But Saints grew into the match and started to impose and press their own authority on the game, as their own quality began to shine through in patches.

Swansea enjoyed the better of the chances throughout, but a draw seemed a fair result by the time Mark Halsey blew the full-time whistle.

It may have ended 0-0, but it was entertaining, and there will be few who would complain about the prospect of these two teams going head-to-head in the Premier League for years to come.

ed a little casually.

Both sides set up in their favoured 4-2-3-1 formations, but it was Swansea who stamped their authority in the opening 20 minutes.

The slick, quick passing of their midfield, combined with the clever movement of Spanish star Michu was at times stunning to watch.

Saints might have felt in the early stages of this match as if they were being dealt a taste of their own medicine. Their former winger, Nathan

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■ LEAGUE ONE SPOTLIGHT



ON TARGET: Harry Arter.

Cherries on verge of promotion

GOALS from Steve Cook, Harry Arter and Brett Pitman saw Cherries all but seal promotion to the Championship with a 3-1 win over Carlisle today.

Only a dramatic swing in goal difference would prevent Eddie Howe's men from taking their place in the second flight for only the second time in the club's history.

Victory over the Cumbrians also saw Cherries rewrite the Dean Court record books as Howe's men registered an eighth consecutive league triumph.

Cook started the ball rolling when he headed home the opener after 25 minutes before Lee Miller's equaliser threatened to spoil the party.

However, after Arter had restored their lead, there was no looking back with man of the moment Pitman putting the finishing touches to the win in stoppage time.

Ryan Allsop saved after Miller had looked to draw first blood for the visitors, the Cherries goalkeeper scooping away the striker's shot before Eunan O'Kane cleared the loose ball.

Allsop then pulled off a stunning reaction save to keep out another effort from Miller, the Scotsman's fierce strike from a Matty Robson cross superbly beaten away by the stopper.

Carlisle goalkeeper Mark Gillespie raced off his line to smother at the feet of Lewis Grubban after Brett Pitman's flick from an Allsop clearance had split the Cumbrians' backline.

Gillespie safely pouched a long-range effort from O'Kane before the goalkeeper saved with his legs after Harry Arter's defence-splitting pass had sent Grubban clear.

Cook made the breakthrough midway through the first half when he rose to meet a Simon Francis cross, his well-placed header from around 12 yards giving Gillespie no chance.

As Cherries went in search of a quick second, Gillespie had to be on his toes to save smartly from Grubban's opportunist strike.

Cherries had a huge let-off on the stroke of half-time when Carlisle striker Rory Loy, with the goal at his mercy, contrived to hit the crossbar with a free hit from eight yards.

Miller levelled for the visitors five minutes into the second half when he made the most of some ponderous defending to hook the ball home from close range.

Arter spurned a glorious chance to restore Cherries' lead, the midfielder lifting his shot over the crossbar after Charlie Daniels had picked him out from a corner.

O'Kane's crucial interception prevented Loy from going through before Gillespie was forced to beat away a ferocious right-foot drive from Grubban.

Arter atoned for his earlier miss when he fired Cherries back in front with a finely-taken individual effort, the midfielder finding the back of the net with a left-foot finish from the edge of the box.

Pitman went close to adding a third when he blazed wide after being teed up by Arter before Richard Hughes replaced the injured O'Kane midway through the second half.

A delightful piece of skill from Arter saw him fashion another opening, although his shot from a tight angle fizzed past the upright.

Pitman completed the scoring with a stunning effort, the striker netting for the eighth game in succession with a low left-foot drive in stoppage-time.

Cherries: Allsop, Francis, Cook, Elphick, Daniels, Ritchie, O'Kane (Hughes, 67), Arter, Pugh, Grubban (MacDonald, 88), Pitman. Unused subs: McQuoid, Seaborne, Fogden, Tubbs, Jalal (g/k).

THIS week's column comes to you from Spain.

As Saints entertained West Ham at St Mary's I watched the game courtesy of Arabic television in a rather ropey bar, rather than live or Sky.

Watching football on a foreign channel, apart from being rather amusing, is also interesting in so much as you don't get swayed by English speaking commentary.

Sat with neutral football supporters, it was interesting to see how people reacted to the two most high profile potential England forwards.

Rickie Lambert had a steady game, intelligent with solid link up play.

Andy Carroll, on the other hand, came across as a lightweight, floppy drama queen who seemed far too easily shoved off the ball by the midfield giants that are Morgan Schneiderlin and Jack Cork.

In fact, it was almost a carbon copy of last year's game against West Ham with a bulky Hammers side falling all over the place whilst hoofing the ball upfield, bypassing the midfield.

The game certainly made me re-evaluate what I know about the beautiful game as the newspapers the next day seemed to extol the virtues of Carroll.

They barely seemed to notice the Saints, with Carroll rather bizarrely being named man of the match.

Sam Allardyce also seemed to be oblivious of Saints involvement in the game with a rather astonishing quote afterwards.

"In the end I thought we were more than comfortable," he said.

"Away goals have been our problem all season and we again created some simple chances which we didn't convert."

That must have confused every Saints fan who thought West Ham strangled the match and came to spoil the game and edge away with a point.

The possession stats speak volumes.

Three times the amount of shots on target, twice as many shots off target, show Saints dominated the game.

The fact that West Ham committed twice as many fouls as Saints tells you all you need to know about the game and the two teams.

That said, Allardyce doesn't seem to inhabit the same planet as the rest of us when he recently stated that he felt West Ham were the best club to get promoted last year.

It's a statement that is blatant nonsense and shows just how certain clubs, certain managers – and indeed certain journalists – can be completely and utterly blinkered in their view of football.

At this point in time, it looks as if Saints are safe all barring a spectacular drop in form.

With Reading and QPR now looking all but dead and buried, it leaves just one team left to battle it out.

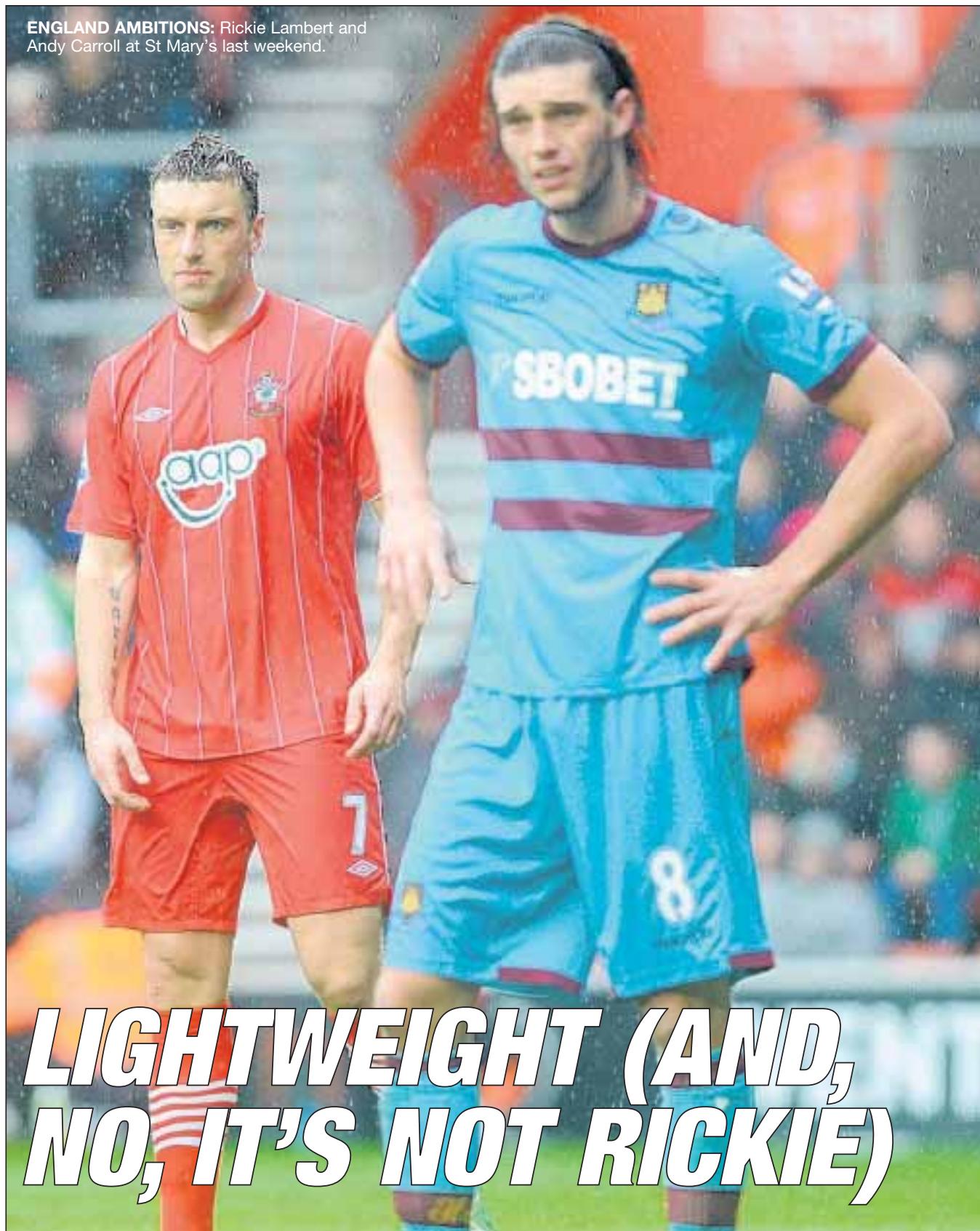
Who would you want to see take the drop to the Championship?

For me, it's a battle between Stoke and Wigan, two clubs that contribute nothing to the Premier League.

Stoke have earned the title of plucky battlers but have spent tens of millions on what can only be described as Premier League dross. Take into account their renowned spoiler tactics and you have a team that few football fans will miss.

Wigan, on the other hand, are a club that just don't deserve their Premier League status, a club that amazingly didn't take a full allocation to their semi final at

ENGLAND AMBITIONS: Rickie Lambert and Andy Carroll at St Mary's last weekend.



LIGHTWEIGHT (AND, NO, IT'S NOT RICKIE)

BEAUTIFUL SOUTH
BY DAREN WHEELER

Wembley.

Yes, that's right, the highlight of any football fans "career", a competitive game at Wembley and Wigan couldn't sell it out.

More amazing still are the quotes coming from Jason Taylor, a committee member of the Wigan Athletic Supporters' Club, stating that some supporters decided to

sacrifice going to the match in order to save money for the final – should the Latics get there.

For that alone I'd not bat an eyelid if Wigan were relegated.

The arrogance that fans of a club like Wigan wouldn't attend that game but would attend the final.

Cup finals are the barometer of where a club is going.

Saints took an astonishing 50,000 plus fans to the JPT final in a spectacular show of not only faith, but relief our club was on the way up.

I wholeheartedly believe that day at Wembley was the spring-board for all that has followed.

It gave the players and the club a glimpse of what might lie ahead if they work hard and believe in themselves.

Wigan couldn't be bothered to fill their allocation and bizarrely, in reverse, other teams that actually won at Wembley can't seem to fill their ground after cup final success.

An appearance at Wembley can attract the hangers on and the glory hunters, it's the day to day stuff that defines you as a club.

It's here where Saints show their mettle, a club that now has a bright future, once had a dark, uncertain past.

What kept it going was you dear reader, the dreamer, the addict, the believer, the supporter.

Wigan may well win the FA cup. They don't deserve it but, then again, many clubs don't get what they really deserve.

Next season should be the most exciting yet....

Paine's World

The Saints legend's **EXCLUSIVE** column on all things football

LAST weekend's scenes of football violence were as surreal as they were disconcerting, with the image of a Newcastle supporter squaring up to a horse called Bud particularly perplexing.

Coming as it did on the back of the anti-Thatcher events of the week, you could be forgiven for thinking we had plunged headlong back into the dark days of the 1980s.

This would be, of course, an exaggeration of what was no more than a few yobs looking for their day in the sun.

What is of concern, though, is the way that the Football Association has gone about its business once again.

It seems a common occurrence these days that fingers are pointed at the leaders of the English game, but what transpired at Wembley, in the FA Cup semi-final between Millwall and Wigan, may well have been avoided.

Firstly, the scheduling of the match was made with television in mind, rather than the well-being of the fans, which should have been the first priority.

Wigan were roundly criticised for sending back more than 10,000 tickets, but the timing of the game did them no favours.

High-risk game

Latics supporters had to travel more than 200 miles to get there, and, to make matters worse, tickets for the trains back home were infinitely more expensive than those earlier in the day.

Had that not been reason enough to have an early kick-off, the fact that this was a high-risk game with a known problem club should have forced them to make security a priority.

Instead, with television dictating the kick-off time, fans were able to have a few too many pints before they trundled into Wembley, a confrontation waiting to happen.

The fact the FA has a lucrative relationship with the brewing industry is not lost on observers.

That they felt it necessary to boast about the sales of alcohol over the weekend on Twitter is another black spot on a growing list of failures.

Putting all this aside, it was the way in which the initial unrest was dealt with that allowed things to spiral out of control.

Bear in mind this occasion took place inside the country's premier football stadium, which is supposedly the most expensively policed.

Had it been a league game, the rising tensions in the Millwall end would have been dealt with early on.

But I understand the stewards were issued with explicit orders not to get involved with any form of violence or intimidation. In fact, many of the Millwall fans shouted down to the stewards, to no avail, as the tensions began to rise.

It was only after Wigan's second goal that things really boiled over and got out of hand. It was an ugly scene, and one that was beamed

PASSION!

GAOLO! Sunderland manager Paolo Di Canio joins the celebrations against Newcastle.



VIOLENCE!



MAYHEM! Millwall fans don't get on with the Wigan ones at Wembley, above. Left: Bud's back home – and glad to be there!



What IS Bud going to think?

across the world in high definition. It was a shame really, because it meant that Wigan's achievement was overshadowed.

The Latics will return to Wembley next month for what will be their first ever FA Cup final, and they will no doubt make a fist

of it against Manchester City, playing the game the only way they know how.

Roberto Martinez deserves credit

for the way in which he has gone about his business, as does owner Dave Whelan, who has given his manager endless support.

On to Sunday, and the violence following Newcastle's 3-0 loss at home to Sunderland was a different kettle of fish to that at Wembley.

Rather than occurring inside the stadium, the anger from the defeat boiled over into the streets and turned into a showdown between police on horses and a bunch of radicals just looking for a confrontation.

Alcohol may once again have played a pivotal role, but it must again be noted that these are the actions of a few.

Some people will knowingly seek out confrontation, even going so far as to punch a police horse, called Bud, from the West Yorkshire mounted section.

All of this detracts from what was an inspired performance from the Black Cats.

Sure, they were helped by a couple of debatable decisions from referee Howard Webb, but sometimes you need a bit of luck when fighting for survival. They certainly deserved it.

Paolo Di Canio has revitalised the players. His spirit is infectious and is plain for all to see.

Pertinent questions

Midfielder Craig Gardner sang his name with supporters after the match, while Adam Johnson is finally looking like the player Martin O'Neill forked out all that money for.

The job is not complete, however, but a win against Everton this weekend would put them within reach of safety.

So, while the focus will return to footballing matters this weekend, the FA should sit down and ask themselves some very pertinent questions about how the game is being run.

It must also be noted that violence in football is not confined to the UK. For example, Bayern Munich supporters were involved in a fracas with Nuremberg over the weekend, as 60 fans were detained.

However, the hypocrisy with which it is dealt with remains concerning.

The authorities have sworn to come down hard on Millwall, but the England supporters who sang abusive songs during the recent win over San Marino have gotten off scot-free.

As with most things in football, all we ask for is a little consistency.

It is also ironic that the 2018 World Cup organising committee are said to be looking to England to help them solve Russia's own hooliganism problem, stating that what England has achieved over the past 30 years has been "a true revolution".

What the English authorities now need to do is make sure the ugly scenes of this past weekend don't spread into the last month of the season, when passions involving relegation will be vehemently expressed.

Saints Spotlight



SAINTS' FIRST TEAM FIXTURES AND RESULTS 2012/13



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Sat 22 Aston Villa	H	W 4-1	Gazzaniga	Clyne 1	Fonte	Yoshida	Fox*	S Davis***	Schneiderlin	Lallana	Puncheon** 1	Ramirez	Lambert 2	Richardson*	Mayuka**	W-Prowse***
Tues 25 Sheff Wed (COC 3)	H	W 2-0	Gazzaniga	Richardson	Fonte	Yoshida	Fox**	W-Prowse	Schneiderlin	Lallana	De Ridder*	Rodriguez** 2	Rodriguez 1	Reeves*	Robinson**	Hoskins***
Sat 29 Everton	A	L 1-3	Gazzaniga	Richardson	Fonte	Yoshida	Fox**	W-Prowse	Schneiderlin	Lallana	Do Prado	Rodriguez*	Lambert	Mayuka*	Reeves**	Chaplow***

OCTOBER

Sun 7 Fulham	H	D 2-2	Gazzaniga	Richardson*	Fonte 2	Yoshida	Fox	S Davis	Schneiderlin	Lallana	Puncheon**	Rodriguez	Lambert***	Hooiveld*	Chaplow**	Do Prado***
Sat 20 West Ham	A	L 1-4	Boruc	Clyne	Fonte	Hooiveld	Fox	S Davis***	Schneiderlin	Lallana 1	Puncheon**	Do Prado	Rodriguez 1	Lambert*	Mayuka**	W-Prowse***
Sun 28 Tottenham	H	L 1-2	Boruc	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Fox***	Puncheon*	Schneiderlin	Lallana	De Ridder**	Ramirez	Lambert 2	Reeves*	Do Prado**	Reeves***
Tues 31 Leeds (COC 4)	A	L 0-3	K Davis	Butterfield	Fonte	Yoshida	Fox**	W-Prowse	Schneiderlin	Lallana	Mayuka	Rodriguez	Lambert	Lee*	Shaw*	Isgrove**

NOVEMBER

Mon 5 West Brom	A	L 0-2	Gazzaniga	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Fox***	Ramirez**	Schneiderlin	S Davis	Puncheon*	Rodriguez*	Lambert	Mayuka*	Do Prado**	Shaw***
Sat 10 Swansea	H	D 1-1	Gazzaniga	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Fox*	Schneiderlin 1	Cork	Puncheon 1	Ramirez	Lambert	Lambert	Fox*	S Davis*	Rodriguez***
Sat 17 QPR	A	W 3-1	Gazzaniga	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Fox**	Schneiderlin	Cork	Puncheon*	Ramirez*	Lambert***	Lambert 1	Fox**	S Davis**	Hooiveld***
Sun 25 Newcastle	H	W 2-0	Gazzaniga	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Fox**	Schneiderlin	Cork	Puncheon**	Ramirez** 1	Lambert 1	Rodriguez*	Reeves*	Do Prado**	Reeves***
Weds 28 Norwich	H	D 1-1	Gazzaniga	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Fox*	Schneiderlin	Cork	Puncheon**	Ramirez	Lambert 1	Rodriguez	Reeves*	Do Prado**	Reeves***

DECEMBER

Sat 1 Liverpool	A	L 0-1	Gazzaniga	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Shaw	Schneiderlin	Cork*	Puncheon**	Ramirez	Lambert	S Davis*	Rodriguez**	Do Prado**	
Sat 8 Reading	H	W 1-0	K Davis	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Shaw	Schneiderlin	Cork	Puncheon**	Rodriguez	Lambert	Lambert	Do Prado*	De Ridder**	Do Prado***
Sat 22 Sunderland	H	L 0-1	K Davis	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Shaw	Schneiderlin	Cork	Puncheon**	Ramirez	Lambert	Lambert	Do Prado*	De Ridder**	Do Prado***
Weds 26 Fulham	A	D 1-1	K Davis	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Shaw*	Schneiderlin	Cork	Puncheon**	Ramirez	Lambert 1	Rodriguez*	Fox*	Richardson**	Do Prado***

JANUARY

Tues 1 Arsenal	H	D 1-1	Boruc	Cork	Fonte	Hooiveld	Shaw	Puncheon***	Schneiderlin	S Davis	Do Prado***	Ramirez** 1	Lambert*	Rodriguez*	W-Prowse**	De Ridder***
Sat 5 Chelsea (FAC 3)	H	L 1-5	Boruc	Cork	Fonte	Yoshida	Shaw	Puncheon***	Schneiderlin 1	S Davis**	Do Prado	Rodriguez 1	Lambert 1	Rodriguez*	Hooveld**	Lee***
Sat 12 Aston Villa	A	W 1-0	Boruc	Clyne	Fonte	Hooiveld	Shaw	Puncheon**	Schneiderlin	S Davis**	Do Prado***	Ramirez*	Lambert 1	Rodriguez*	S Davis**	De Ridder***
Weds 16 Chelsea	A	D 2-2	Boruc	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Shaw	Puncheon**	Schneiderlin	S Davis**	Do Prado***	Ramirez**	Lambert 1	Rodriguez*	Chaplow**	Ramirez***
Mon 21 Everton	H	D 0-0	Boruc	Clyne	Fonte	Hooiveld	Shaw	Puncheon**	Schneiderlin	S Davis**	Do Prado*	Ramirez**	Lambert	Rodriguez	S Davis**	De Ridder***
Weds 30 Manchester	A	L 1-2	Boruc	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Fox***	Schneiderlin	Cork	Puncheon**	Ramirez**	Rodriguez 1	Lambert 1	Rodriguez	S Davis**	Shaw***

FEBRUARY

Sat 2 Wigan	A	D 2-2	Boruc	Clyne**	Fonte	Yoshida	Hooiveld	Shaw	Schneiderlin 1	Cork	Puncheon***	Ramirez*	Lambert 1	S Davis*	Rodriguez**	W-Prowse***	
Sat 9 Man City	H	W 3-1	Boruc	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Hooiveld	Shaw*	Schneiderlin	Cork	Puncheon** 1	Rodriguez*	Lambert 1	Rodriguez 1	Lambert 1	Richardson**	W-Prowse***
Sun 24 Newcastle	A	L 2-4	Boruc	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Hooiveld	Shaw*	Schneiderlin	Cork	Puncheon**	Rodriguez	Lambert 1	Lambert 1	Fox*	Puncheon***	

MARCH

Sat 2 QPR	H	L 1-2	Boruc	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Fox**	Schneiderlin	Cork	Puncheon***	Ramirez** 1	Lambert*	Rodriguez*	W-Prowse**	De Ridder***	
Sat 9 Norwich	A	D 0-0	Boruc	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Hooiveld*	Schneiderlin	Cork	Puncheon**	Ramirez*	Lambert	Rodriguez	Do Prado*	De Ridder**	Puncheon***
Sat 16 Liverpool	H	W 3-1	Boruc	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Hooiveld	Shaw	Schneiderlin 1	Cork	Puncheon**	Ramirez*	Lambert 1	Rodriguez 1	Fonte*	Do Prado***
Sat 30 Chelsea	H	W 2-1	Boruc*	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Hooiveld	Shaw	Schneiderlin	Cork	Puncheon**	Ramirez 1	Lambert 1	K Davis*	W-Prowse**	Fox***

APRIL

Sat 6 Reading	A	W 2-0	Boruc	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Hooiveld	Shaw	Schneiderlin	Cork	Puncheon***	Rodriguez** 1	Ramirez*	Lambert	Lambert 1	Do Prado**
Sat 13 West Ham	H	D 1-1	Boruc	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Hooiveld	Shaw	Schneiderlin	Cork	Puncheon**	Rodriguez**	Ramirez**	Lambert	Lambert 1	Do Prado**
Sat 20 Swansea	A	L 0-0	Boruc	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Hooiveld	Shaw	Schneiderlin	Cork	Puncheon**	Ramirez	Lambert	Lambert	Richardson**	W-Prowse***
Sat 27 West Brom	H	L 0-0	Boruc	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Hooiveld	Shaw	Schneiderlin	Cork	Puncheon**	Ramirez**	Rodriguez	Lambert	Lambert 1	Do Prado**

MAY

Sat 4 Tottenham	A	W 0-0	K Davis	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Hooiveld	Shaw	Schneiderlin	Cork	Puncheon***	Rodriguez** 1	Ramirez*	Lambert	Lambert 1	Do Prado**
Sun 12 Sunderland	A	W 0-0	K Davis	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Hooiveld	Shaw	Schneiderlin	Cork	Puncheon**	Ramirez*	Lambert	Lambert	Richardson*	W-Prowse***
Sun 19 Stoke	H	W 0-0	K Davis	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Hooiveld	Shaw	Schneiderlin	Cork	Puncheon**	Ramirez**	Rodriguez	Lambert	Lambert 1	Do Prado**

JACK STEPHENS		0	0	0	0	0	0	0(1)	0	0	0	0	RICKIE LAMBERT	30(3)	14	0
DAN SEABORNE		0	0	3	0	38	15	0	0	0	0	0	JAY RODRIGUEZ	19(11)	6	2
STEVE DE RIDDER		0(5)	0	2	0	12	32	4	0	0	0	0	EMMANUEL MAYUKA	1(6)	0	1
RICHARD CHAPLOW		0(2)	0	3	0	50	13	5	0	0	0	0	GASTON RAMIREZ	20(4)	5	0
DEAN HAMMOND		0	0	1	0	130</										

Adam Rant



This week's big talking points
with **Adam Leitch**

Without a broom could Scott handle it?

ADAM SCOTT was apparently a popular winner of the US Masters, or at least that's what Sky Sports told us over and over again. He was a popular winner with them.

But Adam Rant can't help but admit that he was actually hoping the likeable Aussie would come up short.

The reason is not dislike of Scott or for any particular reason – other than the fact he uses a long handled putter.

It's just not golf.

The belly and long handled putters originally came in because some of the older players were struggling to control the shorter putters, the nerves and the hands having got a bit jittery with advancing years.

The golfing authorities were happy to let it pass, presumably because the kind of folk

using them were never likely to win any tournaments.

However, they failed to see what was inevitable – that if there was seen to be some sort of advantage they would start to be used by other, younger, up and coming players.

At the Masters we saw not only Scott win with a long handled putter but 14-year-old headline maker Tianlang Guan use a belly putter.

It should never have been allowed to get to the stage where this sort of thing could happen, but it has.

It was a sad day for Adam Rant to see someone using a long handled putter winning a Major tournament.

SUITS YOU, SIR! Bubba Watson helps Scott into a famous green jacket.

ment.

Scott didn't break any rules – well, not yet, they are hopefully to be outlawed in the future – but it just doesn't feel in the spirit of the sport.

Guan is as good as evidence as any.

If an exquisitely nurtured child like that, who is a well oiled golfing machine, is using one because he and his team believe there is an advantage, then there simply IS an advantage.

To take the hands so largely out of the equation, to remove the jitters of those nerves and to anchor the putter must help in pressure situations.

It's not the only thing that matters, but it is a crucial factor when golf comes to the crunch holes.

We had already seen Scott tank it spectacularly in

YOU BEAUT! Adam Scott is pretty popular with his caddie after holing the winning putt.

Bluebirds on a high

NO sooner had Cardiff won promotion to the Premier League than their owner started discussing the possibility of spending £20m-£25m on improving the squad ready for next season.

He might be in for a rude awakening as to exactly what that buys you at the top level.

Cardiff have without doubt picked the best season to go up. With the massive new TV deal kicking in for next season they are likely to receive at least £70m.

MAGIC MOMENT
Tommy Smith scores the goal that put Cardiff up.

Suddenly that £20m investment doesn't seem quite so generous. Cardiff will have to invest very wisely.

For the first season they can get away with keeping together much of the squad that won them promotion thanks to the forward momentum they have.

However, they will need an extra sprinkle of quality and any weak links they have will be exposed so must be patched up.

It's fair to say that £20m doesn't go too far, so it must be invested wisely to bring in four or five players of genuine Premier League quality and experience. That could reap handsome rewards.

Pompey's new dawn

PORTSMOUTH can at last begin the business of looking to the future.

Years of misery look finally like being placed firmly behind them.

The Supporters Trust should soon complete their takeover and lift them out of administration and, with the inevitable relegation to League Two confirmed, they can finally start to plan for the future.

They will probably start next season with minus ten points, but a fresh start with no further penalties or problems hanging over their heads is what the majority of Pompey fans have wanted.

Their club, like Rangers in Scotland – like to an extent Saints, albeit they got lucky in their rescuer – found you must bide your time. But you can come back stronger.

Are Portsmouth a natural Premier League club? With that ground they aren't.

But they are also not a natural League Two club either, and they can begin to work towards finding their level again.

There must be only one winner here

THE awful scenes at the finish line of the Boston Marathon were a reminder of the best and the worst of human spirit.

The worst of course from those responsible for explosions that killed three people and left around 150 wounded.

The best not only the reaction of those immediately around the

scene in helping others, but the fact that the spirit of the event has transcended the evil wrought upon it.

A marathon, like any other endurance event, is a testament to human will.

In our sedentary lives these days, just completing something that seems so hard to do is a major achievement.

It's like a calling that is heard by all kinds of different people from different backgrounds of different shapes and sizes.

Some are running for fast times, others to raise money, some simply to better themselves and see if they too can do something extraordinary.

For the bomb to go off there, on

such a day, was a reminder that we can never be truly safe in the world today.

But it was also a reminder that a life full of happiness, of striving for and reaching challenges, is worth the risk compared to sitting indoors, safer but miserable.

The great side of the human spirit must win out.

Saints Spotlight

UNWANTED HAT-TRICK



APRIL 1982: Kevin Keegan, above, and David Armstrong, right, can't find a way through at the Vetch Field.



APRIL 1982: Keith Cassells, above and right, tries to find a way through the Swansea defence.



APRIL 1982: Mick Channon gets a cross in.

1982-1983 Division One						
	P	W	D	L	F	A Pts
Liverpool	42	24	10	8	87	37 82
Watford	42	22	5	15	74	57 71
Manchester Utd	42	19	13	10	56	38 70
Tottenham	42	20	9	13	65	50 69
Notts Forest	42	20	9	13	62	50 69
Aston Villa	42	21	5	16	82	50 68
Everton	42	18	10	14	68	48 64
West Ham	42	20	4	18	68	62 64
Ipswich Town	42	15	13	14	64	50 58
Arsenal	42	16	10	16	58	56 58
WBA	42	15	12	15	51	49 57
SAINTS	42	15	12	15	54	58 57
Stoke City	42	16	9	17	53	64 57
Norwich City	42	14	12	16	52	58 54
Notts County	42	15	7	20	55	71 52
Sunderland	42	12	14	16	48	61 50
Birmingham City	42	12	14	16	40	55 50
Luton Town	42	12	13	17	65	84 49
Coventry City	42	13	9	20	48	59 48
Swansea City	42	13	8	21	47	70 47
Manchester City	42	10	11	21	51	69 41
Brighton	42	9	13	20	38	68 40

Did You Know?

PREMIER LEAGUE TOP SCORERS – AND THE TOP SCORING ENGLISHMAN IN EACH SEASON

92/93 Teddy Sheringham (Notts Forest & Tottenham) 22

93/94 Andy Cole (Newcastle) 34

94/95 Alan Shearer (Blackburn) 34

95/96 Alan Shearer (Blackburn) 31

96/97 Alan Shearer (Newcastle) 25

97/98 Dion Dublin (Coventry), Michael Owen (Liverpool), Chris Sutton (Blackburn) 18

98/99 Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink (Leeds Utd), Michael Owen (Liverpool), Dwight Yorke (Man Utd) 18

99/00 Kevin Phillips (Sunderland) 30

00/01 Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink (Chelsea) 23. Marcus Stewart (Ipswich) 19



JIMMY FLOYD HASSELBAINK

01/02 Thierry Henry (Arsenal) 24. Alan Shearer (Newcastle) 23

02/03 Ruud van Nistelrooy (Man Utd) 25. James Beattie (Saints) 23

03/04 Thierry Henry (Arsenal) 30. Alan Shearer (Newcastle) 22

04/05 Thierry Henry (Arsenal) 25. Andy Johnson (Crystal Palace) 21

05/06 Thierry Henry (Arsenal) 27. Darren Bent (Charlton) 18

06/07 Didier Drogba (Chelsea) 20. Wayne Rooney (Man Utd) 14

07/08 Cristiano Ronaldo (Man Utd) 31. Wayne Rooney (Man Utd), Jermain Defoe (Tottenham) 12

08/09 Nicolas Anelka (Chelsea) 19. Steven Gerrard (Liverpool) 16

09/10 Didier Drogba (Chelsea) 29. Wayne Rooney (Man Utd) 26

10/11 Dimitar Berbatov (Man Utd), Carlos Tevez (Man City) 20. Darren Bent (Sunderland & Aston Villa) 17

11/12 Robin van Persie (Arsenal) 30. Wayne Rooney (Man Utd) 27

12/13 (so far) Luis Suarez (Liverpool) - 22. Rickie Lambert (Saints) 14

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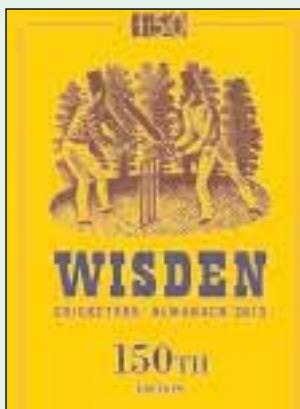
In 1864, as he pondered over the options for generating an income during his retirement, John Wisden happened upon the idea of writing and publishing an annual amalgam of cricketing and other sporting facts.

Later realising he should focus exclusively on cricket, the 1865 edition of his almanac did just that.

Mr Wisden's retirement problems were solved.

While the rest of us may only dream of replicating such a simple strategy as a means of producing a regular income in our dotage, we may still enjoy Wisden's Almanac which this year celebrates its 150th birthday.

A few years ago, it appeared that Wisden – cricket's greatest, longest-



standing arbiter of facts, that quintessentially British publication – was about to be consigned to world cricket's long-on boundary by the Internet, although thankfully, it has enjoyed a significant revival since.

The latest edition, published on April 11, brings together the game's finest writers, its most amusing tales and enough statistics to satiate the cravings of a cricketing anorak XI.

Editor Lawrence Booth refers to it as a 'social history' for its commentary is not limited to cricket.

It's the type of book you can indulge yourself in, where you may read of accomplished openers who could build an innings, of players who 'walked' without the need for a video referee and of bowlers whose sole intention was not to inflict harm upon their opponents.

Apart from the action itself, two of cricket's greatest joys are its literature and constantly-changing collection of facts and figures, beloved by young boys of all ages.

There is something special about happening upon an unusual fact in print that you may have overlooked for years.

Quiet afternoons replete with sunshine, a flat cricket square, two evenly-matched teams and possibly a warm beer may offer a vision of an England which, regrettably, no longer exists.

But armed with your copy of Wisden, it's possible to believe it does, however fleetingly.

For this and a host of other reasons, the 150th edition is worthy of a place on every sport lover's bookcase.



Saints Spotlight



GREAT START: Nick Holmes, above and below, opens the scoring against West Brom in 1975.



FLASHBACK: Mick Channon celebrates his goal in the 3-0 win in August 1975.



FLASHBACK: Peter Osgood heads towards goal for Saints against West Brom in November 1974.

Saints in good Nick against the Baggies

SAINTS host West Bromwich Albion next Saturday, a club they have enjoyed some memorable home successes against over the years.

One of the best came on the opening day of the 1975/76 season, which would end up being an especially famous campaign for the club, culminating in their famous FA Cup victory.

The new term was kick-started after just six minutes, as Nick Holmes was on hand to convert a rebound, after Albion keeper John Osborne had parried a Jim McCalliog strike.

Mick Channon doubled the advantage midway through the half, converting after a David Peach corner was not properly cleared by the visitors.

Channon added his second, and Saints' third, after half-time when he headed into an empty net from Peach's lob.

The win marked the club's first success on the opening day of the season for ten years.

One of the most dramatic games against Albion was the meeting at The Dell in March 1985, as Saints won 4-3 in the old First Division.

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Saints Spotlight



GOAL: Ian Baird rises high to head past Tony Godden.



GOAL: David Armstrong scores against West Brom in March 1985.

The fun began after eight minutes, when Dave Armstrong fired past keeper Tony Godden from outside the area.

Albion levelled soon after, though, through Canadian winger Carl Valentine.

Saints grabbed the lead again shortly before half-time, when Danny Wallace converted from close range, and they went further ahead after 50 minutes through Ian Baird.

The forward, who would go on to become Eastleigh's manager, nod-

ded home from George Lawrence's cross.

Baird, who was actually playing his last game for Saints as it turned out, made it 4-1 just two minutes later.

Again, the goal came via his head,

as he looped an excellent effort over Godden.

Saints appeared to be cruising, but a slack last ten minutes made it a more nervous occasion than it should have been, as Garry Thompson was allowed to score twice.

CONTROL: Danny Wallace in the 4-3 victory.



Down Memory Lane

April 20, 1966 Cardiff (H) W 3-2
Terry Paine (2) and Norman Dean score as Saints collect another win en route to promotion to the top flight for the first time.

April 20, 2010 Oldham (H) D 0-0
A draw meant Saints' hopes for an immediate return to The Championship were all but over. A 10-point deduction cost Saints dear as they finished seventh.

April 21, 1984 West Ham (H) W 2-0
Goals from Nick Holmes and Steve Moran saw Saints move up to fourth in the old First Division. They eventually finished second.

April 21 2007 Leeds (H) W 1-0
A late winner from sub Bradley Wright-Phillips gave Saints the momentum to qualify for the Championship play-offs.

April 21 2012 Middlesbrough (A) L 1-2
Saints' promotion champagne was put on ice after this defeat, which came after Billy Sharp had put the visitors ahead in the first minute.



LATE WINNER: Jose Fonte is mobbed after heading a late winner for Saints at promotion rivals Brighton.

April 22 1963 Swansea (H) W 3-0
Saints were triumphant with goals from Terry Paine (2) and David Burnside.

April 24 1997 Sunderland (A) W 1-0
The definition of a six-pointer, with only three games to go the loser would almost certainly be relegated from the Premier League. Saints won, thanks to an Egil Ostenstad goal, and survived by a point whilst Sunderland went down.

April 24 1960 Bournemouth (A) W 3-1
Bournemouth players sportingly applauded Saints off the pitch after goals from John Page (2) and Brian Clifton left the visitors on the brink of promotion from Division 3.

April 23 1994 Tottenham (A) L 0-3
Goals from Steve Sedgely, Vinny Samways and Southampton-born Darren Anderton left Saints 19th in the league. However, four points from their last three games was enough to secure top flight status.

April 23 2011 Brighton (A) W 2-1
Two goals in the last ten minutes from David Connolly and Jose Fonte, the latter netting a last minute winner, gave Saints a crucial victory against a Seagulls side losing at home for the first time that season.

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Saints Spotlight

QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"It surprises me it's been done to the weakest and easiest target out here and I must admit common sense did not prevail in that action" – former Ryder Cup captain Colin Montgomerie criticises the decision to penalise Chinese 14-year-old Guan Tianlang one stroke for slow play at the Masters.

"I respect the decision. This is what they can do" – Guan shows admirable calmness after his round, despite an anxious wait before it was confirmed he had made the cut right on the four-over-par limit.

"I was pretty p***ed. Looked like I was making birdie and now I have to struggle not to drop two shots" – world number one Tiger Woods, after his approach to the 15th hit the pin and rebounded into a water hazard.

"They called me in, I got a two-shot penalty, time to play. I made a mistake, I took an improper drop and I got the penalty. Under the rules of golf I am abiding by the rules" – Woods defends himself after escaping disqualification, after an incorrect drop when replaying the shot led to a delayed penalty which meant he had signed for the wrong score.

"I'm like a duck pond; calm on top but heart beating a mile a minute underneath" – Brandt Snedeker reveals the tension within while sharing the lead after the third round of the Masters.

"I don't know how that happens" – Adam Scott struggles to comprehend his first major win, after becoming Australia's first Masters champion.

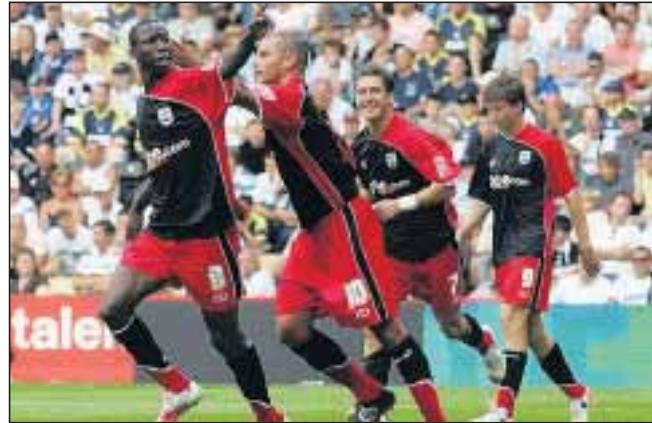
"When you arrive at the top – because the Premier League is the top league in the world in my opinion, this is why I want to stay in England, because I love the people, I love the league, I love the atmosphere, the fans – and you win one of the hottest derbies in the world. It's difficult to find two cities very close, 15 miles [apart] that play at the top level, and they fight for the kingdom in this area" – Sunderland manager Paolo Di Canio describes his feelings after the 3-0 derby win over Newcastle at St James' Park.

"Before the kick-off, I saw the face of my Mama smiling. Exactly yesterday, it was one year since she passed away" – Sunderland manager Paolo Di Canio recalls the good omen which preceded his side's derby victory over Newcastle.

"It's the second pair of trousers I have lost – but I would like to lose my trousers every weekend. I would lose all my money, to be honest" – Di Canio's reaction after sliding to his knees in celebration of Sunderland's second goal against Newcastle.



SAINTS' CHANGING



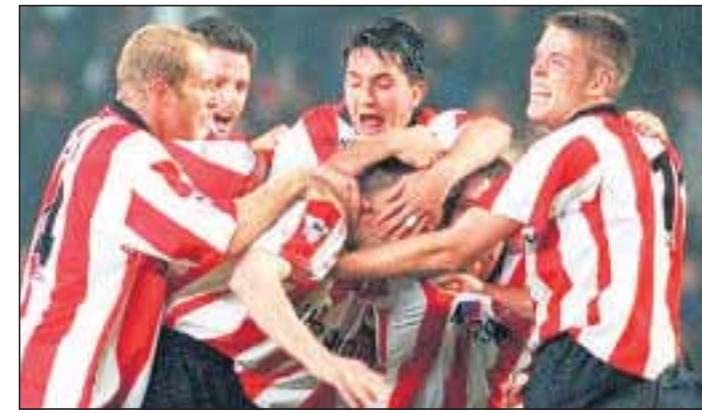
SUPER SUB: Wright-Phillips, left, celebrates his debut goal.



SUPER SUB: Le Tissier scores the final league goal at The Dell.



SUPER SUB: Connolly scores on debut at Oldham.



SUPER SUB: Basham is mobbed after scoring at Blackburn.

MARTIN Chivers was the first to do it.

Nicky Banger once did it three times in a row.

No one has done it for Saints more times in a season than Bradley Wright-Phillips.

Steve De Ridder did it four times last season.

Rickie Lambert has done it twice this season.

And Adam Lallana did it just a fortnight ago, at Reading.

What are we talking about here? Saints subs scoring in league matches.

We take it for granted now that managers can use three subs in a game, and quite often they do – usually in a losing situation.

But that wasn't always the case, the willingness to throw on fresh pairs of legs.

In fact, substitutes weren't allowed at all in English football until the start of the 1965/66 season.

Given a new option to use, Saints boss Ted Bates only used his one sub seven times out of 42!

Ken Wimhurst created history as being the first Saints sub against Coventry on September 8, 1965.

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• Bates was even more frugal in using his sub the following season, 1966/67, which was Saints' first as a top flight club.

On only four occasions, even though Saints lost 22 matches that season, did Bates decide to bring on his sub.

On the last of those occasions, against Newcastle on April 29 1967, Martin Chivers became the first Saints sub to score.

• Bates only used his sub five times in 1967/68 and four times the following season.

• Gradually, though, subs were used more often in the early to mid 1970s.

In 1973/74, Lawrie McMenemy used his on 22 occasions out of 42 – the first time a Saints manager had used his sub in more than half the league games.

• On March 11, 1978, Tony Funnell became the first Saints sub

to score twice in a league game – v Crystal Palace at The Dell.

Funnell had made his Saints debut earlier that season, again as a sub, in a home win over Mansfield on August 27 1977.

• Steve Moran was the first Saint to ever score their first goal for the club after coming on as a sub – his debut came during a 4-1 win against Manchester City on January 19, 1980.

Still, that was one of only 13 league games out of 42 that McMenemy used his only sub.

The following season, 1981/82, McMenemy went 13 successive First Division games without using his available sub.

• McMenemy made two good substitutions during Saints' 1983/84 First Division runners-up campaign.

Moran came on to score a 90th minute winner in the 3-2 home win over Ipswich, and David Puckett came on to score the 82nd minute winner at home to Norwich 2-1.

• The first time Saints subs scored in successive games was in the last two games of the 1985/86

season.

First, David Puckett scored Saints' consolation in a 6-1 thrashing at Everton on May 3.

Then, two days later, Craig Maskell came on to score in Saints' 5-3 defeat at Tottenham.

Those were the only two league games goalkeeper Keith Granger ever played for Saints.

• On November 8, 1986 the Saints sub scored his first league goal for the club in a 3-1 loss at Sheffield Wednesday.

His name? Matt Le Tissier.

Fast forward to April 22 and Le Tissier again came on to score for Saints in a 1-1 draw ... against Wednesday again.

• The 1987/88 season was the first one that two subs were allowed – though Saints only used both on seven occasions in 40 league games.

In 13 games – almost a third of the season – Chris Nicholl kept both on the bench for the entirety.

On March 26, 1988 Alan Shearer, then just 17, came off the bench for his first Saints appearance.

Three games later, and handed his first start, Shearer scored a hat-trick against Arsenal at The Dell.

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Saints Spotlight

SUB CULTURE ...



SUPER SUB: Lambert levels at Manchester City ...



SUPER SUB: ... Steven Davis celebrates putting Saints ahead.



SUPER SUB: De Ridder scores in a 4-2 win at Coventry.



SUPER SUB: Barnard is congratulated after scoring at Yeovil.

- Nicky Banger became the first Saints sub to score in consecutive league games in 1992/93.

- In fact, Banger scored as a sub in three successive Premier League games in February 1992 – a 3-0 home win over Norwich, a 2-1 Dell triumph against Liverpool and in a 2-1 loss at Old Trafford.

- Back on August 24, 1992 Banger had come on to score Saints' 82nd minute winner against Middlesbrough – earning the club their first ever Premier League victory.

- David Hughes scored the only Premier League goal by a Saints sub in 1995/96 – but it was a vital strike, giving Dave Merrington's men a 1-0 Dell win against Bolton in the season Saints ended up staying up on goal difference.

- 1996/97 was the first season a club could use three subs in league games.

It was also the first season that Saints used at least one sub in every single one of their league games.

As a result, Saints subs scored a record nine goals that season.

Micky Evans became only the second Saint to come off the bench and score twice in a league match – in a

- 3-1 win at Nottingham Forest in April 1997.

- On November 7, 1998 Saints drew 3-3 with Middlesbrough with James Beattie coming off the bench to score his first goal for the club.

- Two weeks later Steve Basham came off the bench to score in a 2-0 win at Blackburn, which was to prove his only league goal for Saints.

- On September 25, 1999 Matt Le Tissier became the third Saints sub to score twice in a league game.

- He netted his brace in a 3-3 draw at Old Trafford, with one of the strikes a famous effort which somehow went through the legs of hapless United keeper Massimo Tiabi.

- Le Tissier also scored possibly the most famous goal by a Saints sub in May 2001. He came on to lash the last minute winner at home to Arsenal in the final competitive game held at The Dell.

- Three Saints subs scored in the 2002/03 season, and all were crucial goals.

Marian Pahars netted the only goal in the home win over Everton,

- while Jo Tessem struck a late winner against Sunderland at St Mary's and Kevin Davies grabbed a late leveller in a 2-2 home draw against Aston Villa.

- Dexter Blackstock created history in November 2004 when he became the first Saints sub to ever score a hat-trick – in a 3-2 League Cup win against Colchester at St Mary's.

- Bradley Wright-Phillips holds the record for most goals scored by a Saints sub in one league season. He scored six goals in 2006/07, starting with a strike on his debut at Derby County.

- His final sub strike of that season was a late winner at home to Leeds in April 2007.

- David Connolly scored in successive league games in October 2009 – against MK Dons and Oldham – after coming off the bench.

- Lee Barnard scored a last minute winner at Yeovil in April 2010 after coming on at Huish Park. The following season another sub, Guly, netted in a 1-1 draw.

- Lee Barnard came off the bench to score in three big Saints



BANGER

QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"Northerners are meant to be tough but he went down like a sack of spuds" – **Wolves player Stephen Hunt** on Huddersfield midfielder **Keith Southern's** reaction to being fouled.

"Horrified to hear news of bomb explosion near Boston marathon finish. Really hope there are no serious casualties. Situation looks awful, thoughts with everyone. There are some very sick people out there, who would do something like this?" – **Paula Radcliffe** reacts to the bombing of the Boston Marathon on Twitter.

"Since the divisive breakaway of the top ten clubs in 1998, Scottish football's league structure has been riven by mistrust. This week provides the chance to reunite football's broken family for the common good; a chance to put past differences aside in order to take the game forward collectively" – **former First Minister Henry McLeish** calls on Scottish football to embrace a new approach.

"This is going to have major implications for Scottish football – it's going to potentially seriously damage the game in the long term. I'm very angry because I think today we have let down Scottish football. St Mirren Football Club have really got to pose themselves the question: why are they prepared to put the rest of Scottish football in jeopardy just because of their own selfish interests? This is a massive opportunity that has been blown, particularly on the whims of an individual" – **Aberdeen chairman Stewart Milne** reacts angrily to the defeat of proposals to reform Scottish football.



"Let all of them blast their shotguns. I'm still firmly of the belief, with all my heart and not letting it rule my head, that what I did at Hampden was the right thing to do" – **St Mirren chairman Stewart Gilmour** is unmoved.

"It's a huge challenge. We are going into the one of the best leagues in the world. We are going to plan properly, that has started already and we will now put that in action. We will make sure the structure we have put in place keeps striding forward and keeps adding because change is constant" – **Cardiff boss Malky Mackay**, pictured above, prepares for life in the top flight after securing promotion.

"This is not important, now it is finished. If they didn't score an offside (goal), probably..." **Manchester City manager Roberto Mancini** rules out a late title push from his side after watching a replay of Manchester United's equaliser against West Ham.

"He's had leukaemia for about nine months and is having treatment, he's doing well and hopefully he's going to get well again. When I go home and see him smiling and happy that's the main thing" – **Millwall midfielder Jimmy Abdou** is inspired by his young son Ilyas.

Premiership Spotlight

Did You Know?

POMPEY will next season play in the fourth tier of English football for the first time since 1979/80. Back then, they won promotion at a time when the top four clubs all went up automatically.

Fourth Division 1979/80

	P	W	D	L	F	A Pts
Huddersfield Town	46	27	12	7	101	48 66
Walsall	46	23	18	5	75	47 64
Newport County	46	27	7	12	83	50 61
Portsmouth	46	24	12	10	91	49 60

IT'S amazing to think Pompey were in the Premier League as recently as 2009/10. Here is the final table for that season, with Pompey having had nine points deducted for their first administration offence.

Premier League 2009/10

	P	W	D	L	F	A Pts
Chelsea	38	27	5	6	103	32 86
Man United	38	27	4	7	86	28 85
Arsenal	38	23	6	9	83	41 75
Tottenham	38	21	7	10	67	41 70
Manchester City	38	18	13	7	73	45 67
Aston Villa	38	17	13	8	52	39 64
Liverpool	38	18	9	11	61	35 63
Everton	38	16	12	9	60	49 61
Birmingham City	38	13	11	14	38	47 50
Blackburn Rovers	38	13	11	14	41	55 50
Stoke City	38	11	14	13	34	48 47
Fulham	38	12	10	16	39	46 46
Sunderland	38	11	11	16	48	56 44
Bolton Wanderers	38	10	9	19	42	67 39
Wolves	38	9	11	18	32	58 38
Wigan Athletic	38	9	9	20	37	79 36
West Ham	38	8	11	19	47	66 35

Burnley

Hull City

Portsmouth

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38 7 7 24 34 66 19

POMPEY'S second relegation in three seasons came last season, from the second tier.

Championship 2011/12

	P	W	D	L	F	A Pts
Reading	46	27	8	11	69	41 89
SAINTS	46	26	10	10	85	46 88
West Ham United	46	24	14	8	81	48 86
Birmingham City	46	20	16	10	78	51 76
Blackpool	46	20	15	11	79	59 75
Cardiff City	46	19	18	9	66	53 73
Middlesbrough	46	18	16	12	52	51 70
Hull City	46	19	11	16	47	44 68
Leicester City	46	18	12	16	66	55 66
Brighton	46	17	15	14	52	52 66
Watford	46	16	16	14	56	64 64
Derby County	46	18	10	18	50	58 64
Burnley	46	17	11	18	61	58 62
Leeds United	46	17	10	19	65	68 61
Ipswich Town	46	17	10	19	69	77 61
Millwall	46	15	12	19	55	57 57
Crystal Palace	46	13	17	18	46	51 56
Peterborough	46	13	11	22	67	77 50
Notm Forest	46	14	8	24	48	63 50
Bristol City	46	12	13	21	44	68 49
Barnsley	46	13	9	24	49	74 48
Portsmouth	46	13	11	22	50	59 40
Coventry City	46	9	13	24	41	65 40
Doncaster	46	8	12	26	43	80 36

FROM GATES OF

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THE events of last Tuesday evening underlined the remarkable emotional rollercoaster that will always be professional football.

Up at Oldham Athletic, the home side's 1-0 win over Yeovil condemned Portsmouth to a third relegation in four seasons.

In the space of 1,074 days, Saints' arch rivals have slumped from the Premier League to the fourth tier of English football.

That is the length of time from Pompey playing their last top flight game in May 2010 to last Tuesday.

They are only the third club to have gone from the Premier League to League 2 since the rebranding of the top flight 21 years ago, after Swindon Town and Bradford City.

The same evening, down in south Wales, Cardiff City were celebrating promotion to the top flight for the first time in 51 years.

For the first time ever, there will be two Welsh clubs in the top flight of English football next season.

Excuse me, if you will, for talking about the Bluebirds here (even though they don't play in their traditional blue any more ...)

A good friend of mine is a season ticket holder at Cardiff – along with his two sons – and I sent him my congratulations on Tuesday night, for I know how much their promotion means to him and his family.

As recently as 2001, Cardiff were in the fourth tier, as were Blackpool and Swansea for that matter – two clubs which beat the Bluebirds into the Premier League.

One day, if life is perfect, my friend will return the congratulations as the club I have supported all my life, Exeter City, reach the top flight.

I know, dear reader, that I will be waiting a long time.

Let's be frank, it will never happen.

Cardiff will be the 45th club

Cardiff the latest to embark on a journey full of wonder



to play in the Premier League next season.

That's almost half the entire Football League, so technically Exeter have an almost 50 per cent chance of one day getting there ...

No, sadly it won't happen.

Though I have never, ever contemplated the Grecians ever playing in the Premier League – I have a touching grasp of reality, whatever any friends might think! – it still galls me to see so many clubs that I've seen Exeter beat in league games make it

to the highest level while we continually wallow in the lower reaches.

Cardiff, Swansea, Hull, Reading, Bolton ... I've seen City beat them all away in league matches.

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1,761. Never in my wildest dreams would I have envisaged Wigan one day being an established member of the top flight, let alone reaching the FA Cup final.

For the 1,700 Latics fans who turned up on a cold October afternoon all those years ago, I am of course delighted.

It must be wonderful – really wonderful – to fol-

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Premiership Spotlight



1,777 TO THIS!



HEADY TIMES:
Cardiff City owner Vincent Tan celebrates his club's promotion to the Premier League, as do the supporters.

low an unfashionable club all the way from the lowest league into the top one.

I cannot compare Exeter to the likes of Cardiff and Swansea, Fulham or Bolton. For those clubs all had spells in the old First Division – some of them long and distinguished – well before I saw my club beat them. But Wigan are different. They were a smaller club

than Exeter for many years, with a smaller fanbase and a dilapidated stadium.

Now look at them, and their stadium.

And look at us, almost certainly preparing for another fourth tier campaign next season after totally blowing what should easily have been a play off place at worst.

Back in the late 1980s, I lived in Cardiff for a year as a student.

I used to wander along to Ninian Park, where Cardiff

struggled to attract regular crowds of 3,000 on occasions in a stadium which could still hold 30,000 plus.

Back in 1986 they managed just 1,777 for one home game, against Lincoln.

Even in 1987/88, the year I was living in the Welsh capital, they could only manage 2,258 for a home game against Wolves.

The same fixture this season attracted over ten times that amount, in a shiny, fairly new all-seater stadium.

That same 87/88 season saw the home derby with Swansea attract just over 6,000 fans (and probably, given the fans' reputation back then, just as many police ...)

It will be slightly different next season when the Jacks visit.

As the stats on these pages illustrate, what Cardiff have done in the last decade and a bit is by no means unique.

They are, remarkably, the 14th club to go from the fourth tier to the Premier League in modern times.

Getting to the promised land, as we have seen, has never been the hard part.

That is staying there for any length of time, as the likes of Swindon, Bradford, Blackpool and Hull have failed to do.

'Doing a Cardiff' – in going up three divisions in a fairly short space of time – is far more common than 'doing a Pompey' – going down three divisions from the Premier League to League 2.

Both, though, are incredible tales in their own right.

Many Saints fans were obviously jubilant at Tuesday's news of another demotion for their arch rivals.

In a way, who could blame them?

After all, three years ago Saints were two divisions below their rivals. Now they are three divisions above them.

Has there ever been a more rapid changing of power between two traditional footballing rivals?

I can't think of any.

Of course, the three division gap next season will be nothing new.

Back in 1979/80 Saints were in the top flight with Pompey in the old fourth division.

Seven years later they were playing each other in the top tier.

Not that Pompey need another example, but their 1980s revival is another illustration of how quickly fortunes can change in football.

If only they could change for Exeter ...

CARDIFF City are the 14th club since 1980 to have gone from the fourth tier of professional football to the first.

The first season is when that club were demoted from the top flight, the second season from the second tier, and the third season from the third tier ..

Portsmouth

1979/80, 1982/83, 1986/87

Bradford City

1981/82, 1984/85, 1998/99

Sheffield United

1981/82, 1988/89, 1989/90

Reading

1983/84, 1993/94, 2005/06

Swindon

1985/86, 1986/87, 1992/93

Bolton Wanderers

1987/88, 1992/93, 1994/95

Wolves

1987/88, 1988/89, 2002/03

Burnley

1992/93, 1999/2000, 2008/09

Fulham

1996/97, 1998/99, 2000/01

Wigan

1996/97, 2002/03, 2004/05

Blackpool

2000/01, 2006/07, 2009/10

Cardiff

2000/01, 2002/03, 2012/13

Hull

2003/04, 2004/05, 2007/08

Swansea

2004/05, 2007/08, 2010/11

PORTSMOUTH are only the seventh club since 1980 to have gone from the first tier of professional football to the fourth.

Two clubs, Oxford United and Luton Town, have slumped even further and been relegated to the non league.

Bristol City

1979/80, 1980/81, 1981/82

Wolves

1983/84, 1984/85, 1985/86

Oxford United

1987/88, 1993/94, 2000/01, 2005/06

Luton Town

1991/92, 2006/07, 2007/08, 2008/09

Swindon

1993/94, 1994/95, 2005/06

Bradford City

2000/01, 2003/04, 2006/07

Portsmouth

2009/10, 2011/12, 2012/13

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Non-league Action

ONE WIN FROM THE PLAY-OFFS

McAllister fires Eastleigh to crucial victory

EASTLEIGH 4
TONBRIDGE ANGELS 1

CRAIG McALLISTER struck his second hat-trick in five days to keep Eastleigh on course for the Blue Square South play-offs.

The striker hit a ten-minute treble as a substitute on Tuesday night and produced another as the Spitfires came from behind to beat Tonbridge Angels, writes **SIMON WALTER**.

Eastleigh's sixth win in seven games means victory against Truro City on Tuesday night, when entry to the Silverlake Stadium is free, will secure them a top-five finish.

They have McAllister to thank for ensuring that is the case. It was his equaliser in first half injury-time that cancelled out a 24th minute goal from MIKEL SUAREZ.

The Tonbridge Angels striker with the illustrious surname threatened to derail Eastleigh's play-off charge when he capitalised on a lack of concentration following Mark Lovell's pass midway through the first-half.

But McAllister, one of four changes to the team that defeated Bromley 3-0, four days earlier, headed in his and Eastleigh's first in first-half injury time.

The goal arrived when a Glenn Southam free-kick was headed behind by Sonny Miles.

From the resulting corner, McALLISTER headed in from close-range when Worgan could only tip Southam's flag-kick back into play from under the crossbar.

Eastleigh had been lucky not to be 2-0 down as Lovell could only toe-poke over the bar after more poor defending.

But the equaliser was reward for a period of dominance during the last ten minutes of the first-half.

Zebroski had had a cross cleared off the line and former Eastleigh defender Gary Elphick, returning as Tonbridge captain, nearly headed into his own net.

But after equalising Eastleigh were soon in front, with McAllister scoring his second in the early stages of the second half.

Zebroski cut the ball back to Binns from the by-line and when Worgan saved, McALLISTER was there to net the rebound.

Midfielder Mark Hughes nearly extended Eastleigh's lead on the hour, drilling a half-volley narrowly wide.

But after Adam Watkins replaced Scannell he soon had a shot blocked and Dean BECKWITH slotted in the rebound to make it 3-1.

Dale Binns, having returned to the starting line-up following the birth of his first child, had a shot blocked and put one wide before providing the assist for McAllister to complete his hat-trick at the near-post.

There could have been more with Worgan then tipping behind another Hughes effort as Eastleigh ran out comfortable winners in front of a crowd of 627.

Eastleigh: Flitney; Forbes, Beckwith, Lacey, Green; Scannell (Watkins 65), Hughes, Southam, Binns; Zebroski, McAllister (Fountain 90).

Subs not used: Peacock, Dovey, King.



● Craig McAllister celebrates making it 2-1 with Dale Binns (number 10). Daily Echo picture by Paul Collins Order no: 16271061



Blackfield close on title

HAYLING UNITED 1
BLACKFIELD & LANGLEY 4

TITLE favourites Blackfield & Langley scored three times in the opening 15 minutes before cruising to a 4-1 win over struggling Sydenhams League rivals Hayling United, writes **MIKE VIMPANY**.

The Watersiders scored with their first attack and despite the leg weariness of a third game in five days, tore Hayling's leaky defence to shreds in the initial stages.

Blackfield's first two goals, scored by Ekow Elliott, came from corners. Hayling, whose back row was out-paced for much of the time, failed to deal with Blackfield's first set-piece and ELLIOTT scored with ease from close range.

The second goal six minutes later was almost a carbon copy - ELLIOTT cutting in from the right and drilling a shot past Hayling goalkeeper Luke Hutchings.

Blackfield effectively tied up the points with a third goal in the 15th minute. They orchestrated a neat move down the left and Immy Sotan crossed from the byline for Kevin GIBBONS to head home at the far post.

The title-chasing Watersiders were threatening to score with every attack, with the lively Alex Baldacchino and Elliott going close.

A fourth goal was inevitable - Soetan again crossing from the left and GIBBONS headed the fourth.

Hayling, who have conceded 97 goals this season, looked a much improved outfit after the break and struck with a terrific consolation goal - Jack SALTER-VAILE sending a rasping 35-yard volley past goalkeeper James Lester.

Hayling continued to make a decent scrap of it in the second-half but Blackfield finished strongly with Dominic Allen hitting the base of the upright and several other chances going begging.

Stags suffer home hurt

AFC TOTTENHAM 1 CAMBRIDGE CITY 5

TOTTENHAM'S disappointing end to the Southern League season continued as they were crushed by Cambridge City at the Testwood Stadium.

The visitors were in front on seven minutes when TOM PEPPER cut in from the right and buried his low shot into the corner past Gareth Barfoot.

Then on 19 minutes Cambridge went two up as ROBBIE NIGHTINGALE superbly volleyed home from 20 yards.

And four minutes before the break the Stags were stunned again when ADRIAN CAMBRIDGE blasted home a screamer from the edge of the area.

Tottenham enjoyed good spells of possession during the second half but the Stags were undone again on 75 minutes when City substitute GEORGE DARLING slotted in the fourth.

After 80 minutes it was five for the visitors as PEPPER stabbed home from close range.

The Stags grabbed a late consolation two minutes from time when RICHARD GILLESPIE headed in from Luke Whitley's cross.

Non-league Football

■ FOOTBALL FIXTURES

Monday, April 22

BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE

Man Utd v Aston Villa.

BLUE SQUARE BET CONFERENCE

South: Chelmsford v Maidenhead Utd, Sutton Utd v Salisbury.

EVOSTIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE

Division One South & West: Mangotsfield United v Clevedon Town.

PUMA ENGINEERING HPL

Senior Division: Colden Common v Clarfield, Hedge End Rangers v Fleetlands, University of Portsmouth v AFC Stoneham.

Combination Division: Liphook United Res v Sporting Bishops Waltham Res.

Tuesday, April 23

UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Semi-final first leg: Bayern Munich v Barcelona.

npower FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Championship: Millwall v Blackburn.

League 1: Crawley Town v Preston, Crewe v Shifft Utd, Shrewsbury v Oldham.

BLUE SQUARE BET CONFERENCE

South: Boreham Wood v Bromley, Eastleigh v Truro City, Farnborough v Billericay, Hayes & Yeading v Dorchester, Staines Town v Dover, Tonbridge Angels v Eastbourne B.

EVOSTIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE

Premier Division: AFC Totton v Chippenham Town, Bedworth United v Arlessey Town, Leamington v Hemel Hempstead Town.

Division One South & West: Abingdon United v Merthyr Town, Bridgwater Town v Yate Town, Cinderford Town v Bishops Cleeve, Cirencester Town v Wimborne Town, Poole Town v Swindon Supermarine, Shortwood United v North Leigh.

SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE

Premier Division: AFC Portchester v Blackfield & Langley, Christchurch v Hayling United, Downton v Lymington Town, Fareham Town v GE Hamble, Hamworthy United v Totton & Eling, Horndean v Alton Town, Newport (IOW) v Bemerton Heath Harlequins.

Division One: Petersfield Town v Team Solent, United Services Portsmouth v Pewsey Vale, Fleet Spurs v Cowes Sports.

PUMA ENGINEERING HPL

Senior Division: Winchester Castle v Liss Athletic.

Wednesday, April 24

UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Semi-final first leg: Borussia Dortmund v Real Madrid.

BARCLAYS U18 PREMIER LEAGUE

Elite Group Stage: Reading U18 v SAINTS U18 (1pm).

EVOSTIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE

Premier Division: Frome Town v Glosport Borough.

SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE

Division One: Brockenhurst v East Cowes Victoria, Whitchurch United v Ringwood Town.

PUMA ENGINEERING HPL

Combination Division: AFC Stoneham Res v Hedge End Rangers Res, Fleetlands Res v Sporting Bishops Waltham Res, Liss Athletic Res v Colden Common Res.

Thursday, April 25

UEFA EUROPA LEAGUE

Semi-final first leg: Basle v Chelsea, Fenerbahce v Benfica.

EVOSTIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE

Division One South & West: Bishops Cleeve v Taunton Town, Bridgwater Town v Evesham United, Swindon Supermarine v Poole Town, Winchester City v Cinderford Town.

SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE

Premier Division: Hayling United v Fawley, Blackfield & Langley v Fareham Town, Newport (IOW) v New Milton Town, Romsey Town v Alresford Town, Totton & Eling v Christchurch.

Division One: United Services Portsmouth v Fleet Spurs.

PUMA ENGINEERING HPL

Senior Division: Hedge End Rangers v Otterbourne, Locks Heath v Liphook United, Winchester Castle v Colden Common.

Friday, April 26

npower FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Championship: Leicester v Watford.

Saturday, April 27

(All FL games 3pm ko unless stated)

BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE

Everton v Fulham, Man City v West Ham (12.45), Newcastle v Liverpool (5.30), SAINTS v West Brom, Stoke v Norwich, Wigan v Tottenham.

npower FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Championship: Barnsley v Hull, Blackburn v Crystal Palace, Blackpool v Derby, Bristol City v Huddersfield, Cardiff v Bolton, Ipswich v Birmingham, Leeds v Brighton, Middlesbrough v Charlton, Millwall v Nottm Forest, Peterborough v Sheff Wed (5.20pm), Wolverhampton v Burnley.

League 1: Brentford v Doncaster, Bury v Yeovil, Carlisle v Colchester, Crawley Town v Hartlepool, Crewe v Walsall, Leyton Orient v Oldham, Notts County v Coventry, Scunthorpe v Swindon, Sheff Utd v Preston, Shrewsbury v Portsmouth, Stevenage v Milton Keynes Dons, Tranmere v Bournemouth.

League 2: AFC Wimbledon v Fleetwood Town, Accrington Stanley v Oxford Utd, Burton Albion v Gillingham, Cheltenham v Bradford, Chesterfield v Exeter, Dag & Red v York, Northampton v Barnet, Rochdale v Plymouth, Rotherham v Aldershot, Southend v Morecambe, Torquay v Bristol Rovers, Wycombe v Port Vale.

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SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE

Premier Division: Alton Town v Bemerton Heath Harlequins, Bournemouth v Alresford Town, Christchurch v Downton, Fareham Town v Hamworthy United, Poole Town, Hayling United v Horndean, Moneyfields v Blackfield & Langley, Newport (IOW) v AFC Portchester, Romsey Town v Lymington Town, Totton & Eling v GE Hamble.

Division One: Amesbury Town v Tadley Calleva, Brockenhurst v Whitchurch United, East Cowes Victoria v United Services Portsmouth, Fleet Spurs v Hythe & Dibden, Laverstock & Ford v Petersfield Town, Pewsey Vale v Team Solent, Ringwood Town v Andover New Street, Stockbridge Town v Cowes Sports.

PUMA ENGINEERING HPL

Combination Division: AFC Stoneham v Locks Heath, Bournemouth Sports v Clanfield, Colden Common v Liss Athletic, Hedge End Rangers v AFC Aldermaston, Liphook United v QK Southampton, Otterbourne v University of Portsmouth, Overton United v Fleetlands, Sporting Bishops Waltham v Paulsgrove.

Combination Division: Bournemouth Sports v Clanfield Res, Liss Athletic Res v Otterbourne Res, Locks Heath Res v AFC Stoneham Res, Overton United Res v Hedge End Rangers Res.



White signs new Salisbury deal

FORMER Saints striker Jamie White has signed a new contract with Salisbury City, until the end of the 2014/2015 season.

Only two players – Havant & Waterlooville's Ollie Palmer and Chelmsford's Jamie Slabber – have scored more than White's 21 goals in Blue Square South this season.

White, pictured, moved to Salisbury after scoring a phenomenal 51 goals in 32 appearances for Winchester City in the Sydenhams Wessex Premier last term, his Saints career having been limited to three appearances by a succession of cruciate injuries.

"I'm really happy to have signed a new deal," he said. "I'm enjoying my football here at Salisbury, everyone's great to work with and we have a fantastic team spirit."

"We're all fully focused on promotion this season for ourselves and the fans. This is my first full season back in full-time football and I know I can improve and hopefully help the team succeed with more goals this season and in the future."

Manager Darrell Clarke said: "I'm delighted Jamie's agreed a new deal, he's been excellent this season."

"He scores goals, works hard for the team and has that little bit of quality only a few players possess."

Salisbury City Chairman William Harrison Allan added: "Jamie's a natural goal scorer, the extension of his contract signals our ambition."

CURTIS TO LEAVE TOWN

NEW Milton Town boss Darren Curtis has confirmed he will be stepping down at the end of the season even if Bashley's proposed move to Fawcett's Field does not happen.

Curtis, who took on his first managerial position with the Linnets at the start of the season, plans to take a year out of football to focus on business commitments.

Town's player-manager has endured a tough campaign at the foot of the Wessex Premier and has struggled to raise a side since news emerged of Bash's plan to move into Linnets' home over the summer.

New Milton have provisionally resigned from the Wessex League but would be reinstated should the unification fail to materialise.

And while Curtis admits it has been a baptism of fire, he insists the decision to step down is nothing to do with the uncertainty at the club.

Curtis said: "I made up my mind at the turn of the year that I would need to step down. It was a close call whether I



DARREN CURTIS

would see out the season because my coaching business is very busy but I was determined not to let anyone down.

"Since January, it has been a really tough experience and the uncertainty isn't helping. Players get the opportunity to work and earn money on a Saturday, knowing there is probably no longevity at the club.

"We are just trying to fulfil fixtures and stick it out until the end of the season and we are very thankful to the

lads who do turn out."

Long-serving football secretary Richie Phippard is set to follow Curtis out of the door.

Phippard, whose wife Julie passed away earlier this month, revealed the merger had a "major bearing" on his decision to quit.

He said: "I have informed club chairman John Breaker of my final decision to stand down as football secretary as soon as the playing season is finished.

"Obviously, the proposed merger with Bashley has had a major bearing on my decision as it was something I was totally against.

"But more recently, the sad passing of my dear wife Julie means my life has changed completely and, at present, I am not sure what the future will bring.

"I have received other offers from three or four clubs already, but I will not be making a decision on my future involvement with any new club until I feel the time is right for me."

Boss Curtis, who is in his first managerial position with the Linnets, plans to take a year away from non-league football to focus on business commitments.

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Non-league Football

DIAPER TARGETS WEMBLEY FINAL

Sholing boss excited by return to FA Vase competition



DAVE DIAPER

SHOLING manager Dave Diaper admits the lure of the FA Vase made the club's decision to return to the Sydenhams Wessex Premier a lot easier.

The Boatmen are targeting a Vase run next season, when they will be playing at Step Five for the first time since 2009, after four years in the Eovostik Southern League.

After three appearances in the Southern League (S&W) playoffs, a strong finish to their last season in the division has secured another top-ten finish for Diaper's side.

But with work set to begin on expanding the club's facilities at Portsmouth Road later this year, including a new 3G pitch and car park facilities, the club have made the decision to cut costs by dropping to Step Five.

It is four years since they won promotion from the Wessex Premier, with 101 points, behind Poole Town.

Another big points tally is expected next season, with Diaper hopeful of keeping the majority of his current squad despite dropping down a level.

The magic of the FA Vase –

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and the possibility of playing at Wembley in the final – is a big factor in that.

Diaper said: "The attitude of the players has been tremendous, I've had a lot of positive feedback.

"A number of them have been finding the travelling a problem to the extent that we've struggled to get a consistent team out every game.

"It's very pleasing to be finishing this season strongly but we're going to drop down so we don't stretch ourselves too far financially.

"We're putting things in perspective and want to make sure we're in control of our finances.

"It's disappointing from my point of view because we've proved our worth in the Southern League and have proved once again how resilient a team we are this year.

"But times are hard and we'll be saving more than £10,000 in travel expenses next year, which will help considerably.

"We're viewing it as a sabbatical and the FA Vase is a goal that's definitely achievable. It's a heck of a carrot.

"Bemerton Heath Harlequins and Newport IoW both got to the quarter-finals this season, which was a tremendous achievement by them, but it shows what is achievable.

"It's a competition we can win."

A lengthy cup run and all the publicity that comes with it would also do Sholing no harm in their bid to get more people through the turnstiles of the Silverlake Arena.

Free entry helped attract a season's-best crowd of 168 for the 8-1 thumping of Bridgwater Town on Monday night.

That sort of form will make Sholing the team to beat in the Wessex Premier next season.

But with this season's top two, Blackfield & Langley and Alresford Town, not ready for promotion, and Winchester City Community FC also making the drop, it promises to be a competitive league in 2013/14.

"I don't foresee it being any easier for us at all and will be doing a lot of homework on all the Wessex teams ahead of next season," continued Diaper.

"We'll be looking to win the league and it's changed in the four years we've been out of it so I'll be going through every squad, player by player, like I normally do."

Non-league News

Magpies land gong
ALRESFORD Town won the Premier Division Club of the Month Award after winning all four games they played in March – scoring 15 goals in the process.

Promotion-chasing
Whitchurch United won the Division One award after scoring 13 goals in winning their four matches.

Gunners in Town

ARSENAL Under-21s will visit Wimborne Town next month to play a fundraiser for Kevin James and Andy Culliford, below.



Culliford, a former Poole Town player and local firefighter, is fighting motor neurone disease, while James suffered a double-leg break while playing for Wimborne several years ago.

The match will be played at the Cuthbury Ground on Tuesday, May 7 at 7.30pm. Arsenal Under-21s visited the Cuthbury in 2006 and ticket details for their next visit will be available shortly.

FA award for Webb

STOCKBRIDGE president Dave Webb is to receive the FA 50 Year Service to Football Award.

And Jill Webb, Mavis Savage and Peter Savage, Jackie and Ivor Dominy, Trevor Dance and Mike Bailey are to receive Hampshire FA Service to Football Awards.

These will be presented at the Hampshire FA Grass Roots Awards ceremony at AFC Totton's Testwood Stadium on Saturday June 8.

Gray slams Bashley
BOSS Frank Gray blasted his side's work-rate after Bashley crashed to a 1-0 home defeat to Redditch United on Thursday.

Ashley Sammons's second-half strike was enough to settle a drab encounter, ending Bash's five-match unbeaten run.

Gray told the Daily Echo:
"We are very disappointed. "We didn't show enough desire, especially in the second half. Redditch did and that is why they won the game."

NON-LEAGUE STANDINGS (tables do not include today's games)

BLUE SQUARE BET CONFERENCE

South

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Leamington	39	27	5	7	79	43	86
Stourbridge	40	24	8	9	91	38	80
Chesham United	40	20	11	9	67	48	71
Hemel Hempstead	39	21	6	12	87	65	69
Barwell	40	19	11	10	65	47	68
Gosport Borough	39	17	12	10	73	41	63
Arlessey Town	39	19	6	14	65	49	63
Bedford Town	40	18	6	16	59	51	60
Cambridge City	40	18	6	16	57	56	60
Weymouth	40	17	8	15	57	67	59
St. Albans City	40	17	6	17	77	69	57
St. Neots Town	40	15	7	18	77	75	52
AFC Totton	39	17	7	17	61	72	52
Banbury United	40	14	8	18	53	72	50
Hitchin Town	40	13	7	20	55	65	48
Bashley	40	12	10	18	45	60	46
Frome Town	39	11	10	18	33	52	43
Redditch United	40	12	7	21	32	62	43
Bliford	40	11	9	20	57	68	42
Chippingham Town	39	10	12	17	53	67	42
Bedworth United	39	9	9	21	35	69	36
Kettering Town*	40	8	7	25	46	99	21
Billeray Town	39	10	7	22	58	85	37
Truro City ***	39	9	7	23	51	81	24
	* deducted 1 point for fielding an ineligible player						
	** deducted 4 points for fielding an ineligible player						
	*** deducted 10 points for entering into administration						
	P W D L F A Pts						
Poole Town	38	28	7	3	77	30	91
Hungerford Town	40	25	6	9	68	41	81
Sw Supermarine	38	23	6	9	71	45	75
Paulton Rovers	40	23	5	12	63	52	74
Merthyr Town	38	21	10	7	74	37	73
Sholing	40	19	8	13	55	65	66

Yate Town 39 20 5 14 66 58 65

Shortwood United 39 18 7 14 55 43 61

North Leigh 39 17 4 18 65 65 55

Cirencester Town* 39 15 11 13 52 54 55

Cinderford Town 38 15 8 15 58 62 53

Wimborne Town 39 14 9 16 54 55 51

Mangotsfield United 39 13 10 16 46 55 49

Clevedon Town 39 11 12 16 55 61 45

Didcot Town 40 12 9 19 59 75 45

Tiverton Town 40 10 14 16 50 56 44

Evesham United 39 12 8 19 44 57 44

Taunton Town 39 12 8 19 57 77 44

Bridgwater Town 37 10 8 19 46 67 38

Abingdon United 39 10 6 23 41 63 36

Bishops Cleeve 38 8 7 23 43 62 31

Winchester City* 39 7 2 30 33 65 58

* one point deducted ** three points deducted

SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE

Premier Division

P W D L F A Pts

Blackfield & Langley 34 26 5 3 84 26 83

Alresford Town 34 25 2 7 96 44 77

Fleet Spurs 36 9 4 15 44 28 29

US Portsmouth 26 8 4 14 52 68 28

Laverstock & Ford 28 7 6 15 38 69 27

Ringwood Town 26 7 4 15 39 63 25

Amesbury Town 28 6 4 18 29 72 22

Andover New Street 28 4 7 17 37 89 19

Hythe & Dibden 28 3 2 23 23 89 11

PUMA ENGINEERING HPL

Senior Division

P W D L F A Pts

Verwood Town 37 11 11 15 58 61 44

AFC Portchester 37 12 7 18 65 84 43

Hornbeam 38 12 6 18 64 84 42

Fawley 37 12 4 21 58 83 40

Hayling United 33 12 2 19 57 88 38

Alton Town 35 10 3 22 57 81 33

Lymington Town 37 7 11 19 41 65 32

New Milton Town 38 6 6 26 51 85 24

Romsey Town 38 7 1 30 38 127 22

Division One

P W D L F A Pts

Brockenhurst 27 20 3 4 74 24 63

Whitchurch United 27 19 3 5 67 23 60

Cowes Sports 26 19 1 6 71 28 58

Team Solent 27 18 4 5 60 33 58

Petersfield Town 27 15 4 8 70 43 49

Tadley Calleva 28 15 3 10 67 41 48

East Cowes Victoria 26 13 6 7 67 46 45

Pewsey Vale 26 12 7 6 70 35 43

Stockbridge 28 10 2 16 55 47 32

Fleet Spurs 26 9 2 15 44 48 29

US Portsmouth 26 8 4 14 52 68 28

Clanfield Res 25 11 5 9 52 47 38

H End Rangers Res 21 11 3 7 38 36 36

Winch Castle Res 23 11 2 10 40 38 35

Otterbourne Res 23 8 6 9 50 45 30

Liphook United Res 22 8 5 9 41 49 33

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Overton United Res 21 4 1 16 40 84 13

B'mouth Sports Res 20 2 3 15 18 53 9

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Non-league Football

Gazza's golden years ...

TITLE-winner, assistant manager, player-coach, goalkeeper, even plumber – Paul Gazzard has got through more hats in his Bashley career than Tommy Cooper used in his famous sketches.

But the dependable stopper, captain of Bashley's championship-winning side of 2006-07, revealed a bout of shyness nearly prevented a glorious decade in the yellow and black, writes ANDY MITCHELL.

Gazzard's memories of cruising to the league crown by 28 points, setting a Southern League points record, may never have come to fruition as the fans' favourite left the Bashley car park for the very first time.

Following his testimonial against a Lymington & New Milton XI earlier this month, Gazzard, below, revealed: "The first time I went along to Bashley, I had been invited by a mate of mine, Mark Jones.

"I turned up and sat in my car but Mark didn't show and I just sat and watched the lads training for a bit.



"I was too shy and nervous to go and join in so, in the end, I just drove home."

"The manager at the time, Barry Blankley, rang me and said he wanted to see what I could do. I suppose it is a good job he made that call."

Bash supporters will no doubt agree as Gazzard became part of the club's folklore in a career that has seen his play every position including goalkeeper last season, keeping a clean sheet in a 1-0 win over Stourbridge.

But the Bashley legend, often found at the ground with toolbag in hand when the showers stop working, insists nothing can replicate the memory of lifting the Southern League Division One trophy six years ago.

Gazzard added: "There have been so many highs and lows but, for me, it has to be the title-winning season.

"I don't think many people get to experience that feeling in their careers.

"We absolutely smashed it and that makes it stand out. It was a massive achievement that will stay with me forever."

Bashley's title heroes, only missing Chris Knowles who now lives in Australia, oozed class with a 7-3 win in the testimonial.

And the moment of the night came when Gazzard stepped up to take a penalty against Bashley goalkeeping coach Stewart Kearn, only to see his fierce effort tipped over the crossbar.

After some gentle persuasion from both sets of players, the referee allowed Gazzard to retake the spot-kick which he tucked into his usual spot to the right of the veteran keeper.

On the penalty, Gazzard said: "At Lymington & New Milton, Leigh Phillips always took the penalties and he told me to just put the laces through it and go down the middle."

"I thought that would work as keepers usually dive one way or the other but Kearn, being the old fella he is, just stood down the middle."



MALONE'S M

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WINCHESTER City Community FC want to bring back the good times – on an artificial surface.

Having returned to Abbots Barton for a second spell as Winchester's director of football, David Malone has already appointed Graham Kemp as manager for next season.

But his vision for the club this time is grander than on-field success as he plans to emulate Maidstone United by installing a full-size 4G pitch at Hillier Way.

Maidstone are coming to the end of a successful first season on their 3G pitch in the Ryman Isthmian League.

It has helped keep the club in existence, providing significant revenue streams while ensuring no matches are postponed.

Malone envisages similar benefits for cash-strapped Winchester.

"The ground is only used five per cent of the time but we're trying to make it stand on its own feet and be self sustainable by installing a full-size 4G surface," explained Malone, who a decade ago was midway through a four-year spell that included winning the 2004 FA Vase.

Mistakes

"I very much regret that the club didn't push on when we had our success in 2003-05," he admits.

"I hold my hand up to making mistakes, we invested a lot in players and I thought someone would come along and invest in the infrastructure, but that didn't happen.

"If we can get the infrastructure right this time, and some degree of playing success, I'm sure the club and the city could go on to sustain a Southern Premier club reasonably easily."

Malone, pictured below, is making similar noises to those first made by Hampshire Cricket chairman Rod Bransgrove, when the old Hampshire County Cricket Club moved to what is now The Ageas Bowl.

"If Winchester City Council can back us with a meagre percentage of what Eastleigh Borough Council have done for Hampshire Cricket we can achieve a lot," he said.

"We've had initial talks, we can show them a sustainable business model and the local MP, Steve Brine, has also

Winchester City director of football puts faith in artificial pitch to bring back the good times



GRAND PLANS: Winchester City's Hillier Way home.

been very supportive.

"We're drawing a draft plan up for the development of the ground and the facilities, but it will involve the whole of the community and it needs the backing of the whole community to make it happen.

"I've seen what an all-weather pitch can do at Eastleigh and that's only two thirds of a full-size pitch.

"A full-size pitch would cost £250,000 and will need planning permission but the returns will be fantastic.

"I've already been contacted by someone who will have the surface three days a week and some significant companies have also said they would be interested.

"It would be an investment that would also benefit ladies and junior teams.

"It would be a role model for any non-league club wanting to be sustainable in its own right.

"We would also look to install a smaller artificial training pitch."

Malone's affection for Winchester is evident as he reveals he is speaking the length of a football pitch from the King Alfred statue in the city centre.

He is back after six years at Eastleigh and has brought former Spitfires chairman Paul Murray with him.

Malone admits he has returned a wiser football man.

Wiser

"Paul and I have learnt a lot about what not to do from a business perspective, you can't have one man funding everything," he says.

"I definitely took on too much and made it a one-man band but I learnt a lot of lessons from that, as did Paul."

Winchester will surely benefit



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MASTERPLAN



Styles takes the reins at Andover

ANDOVER New Street FC have lost little time in appointing a manager for their Wessex League Division One side following Phil Andrews' decision to resign at the end of the season.

Matt Styles was Andrews' right-hand man and will be assisted at Foxcote Park by Matt Davis, who is also on the playing staff, *writes KERRY MILLER*.

Club chairman Martin Tobin said: "The club are delighted that the appointment has been from within and we look forward to the new season."

"Matt is a local lad and knows the scene and our club and is raring to go in what is his first managerial position."

Tobin added: "It was decided to make it official as soon as possible as players will be thinking about next season and Matt has a few names already pencilled in."

Although the new man will still be signed on as a player he is not expecting to be a player-manager.

Matt, right, added: "I may play now and again but I am doing a lot of running now and was already thinking of winding down the playing side before this opportunity arose."

The 32-year-old has been at Foxcote Park on and off for more than a decade having started his adult footballing career at Winchester City in the late nineties.

He was in the New Street squad which was successful under Gary Prince in the old Hampshire League before alternating between them and Andover FC, playing Wessex and Southern League football for them at the Portway.

Styles is expected to continue the policy of using local players and with several of the under-18 side knocking on the door he is very upbeat about taking over. "I chatted to a few people about applying and they were all positive and having Matt Davis alongside me will also be a big asset. Hopefully Phil Andrews will still be able to take some coaching now and again as well."

Styles is a busy man already as he is running the London Marathon tomorrow alongside fellow New Street man Nic Oliver, the pair having been given a place in the run via a ballot.

"It's my second London Marathon and I have also done the Loch Ness Marathon a couple of years ago plus some half-marathons and 10ks," said Styles.

Matt will be running to raise awareness of Guillain-Barre Syndrome, which struck his uncle in recent times.



from the pair's experience.

"I didn't covet this, it was only because the club was likely to fold and I don't want to see that happen," continued Malone.

"But it comes down to the same thing – finances. It's never been easy to get support from local businesses although Denplan have been fantastic in supporting the club for the last 11 years.

"I wouldn't think there's a club in the area that has had sponsors sticking with them through thick and thin like they have. We'll be looking to extend that relationship."

In the short-term, Malone is also confident of a successful season

under Kemp, "a good friend of mine with experience and good contacts".

Malone hopes Kemp, pictured below, will welcome current Winchester manager James Taylor on to his coaching staff when he officially takes over, after six years at Christchurch, next month.

"I'm very confident we'll have a good season, there's already a buzz about the club that was clearly missing beforehand and we're full of optimism," said Malone.



"But we haven't solved everything, there's still a distinct lack of money and a debt situation to sort out. To a certain extent the football side is the easier problem to solve."

Assuming Winchester's application to rejoin the Sydenhams Wessex League is successful, following relegation from the EVOstik Southern (South & West) League, they will follow Sholing back into the Premier.

"There are a lot of former Winchester players in the area and I would like to hear from any with an affection for the club who would like to return," Malone continued. "My phone has already been red hot

with calls from people wanting to play for the club and I'm sure we could replicate the success we've had in the past.

"There isn't a huge difference between Southern League (S & W) and the top of the Wessex, which I'm very hopeful we'll be in next year."

"And one positive of the Wessex League is the financial requirements – a lot of players will play for a small sum of money and we'll cut our cloth accordingly. But you can't take anything for granted and we'll wait and see where the FA put us."

The FA are expected to decide on the structure of the Wessex League on May 8.

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Did You Know?

US MASTERS PAST WINNERS

Year	Winner	Score
1934	Horton Smith	284
1935	Gene Sarazen	282
1936	Horton Smith	285
1937	Byron Nelson	283
1938	Henry Picard	285
1939	Ralph Guldahl	279
1940	Jimmy Demaret	280
1941	Craig Wood	280
1942	Byron Nelson	280
1943	No tournament	
1944	No tournament	
1945	No tournament	
1946	Herman Keiser	282
1947	Jimmy Demaret	281
1948	Claude Harmon	279
1949	Sam Snead	282
1950	Jimmy Demaret	283
1951	Ben Hogan	280
1952	Sam Snead	286
1953	Ben Hogan	274
1954	Sam Snead	289
1955	Cary Middlecoff	279
1956	Jack Burke, Jr	289
1957	Doug Ford	283
1958	Arnold Palmer	284
1959	Art Wall, Jr	284
1960	Arnold Palmer	282
1961	Gary Player	280
1962	Arnold Palmer	280
1963	Jack Nicklaus	286
1964	Arnold Palmer	276
1965	Jack Nicklaus	271
1966	Jack Nicklaus	288
1967	Gay Brewer	280
1968	Bob Goalby	277
1969	George Archer	281
1970	Billy Casper	279
1971	Charles Coody	279
1972	Jack Nicklaus	286
1973	Tommy Aaron	283
1974	Gary Player	278
1975	Jack Nicklaus	276
1976	Raymond Floyd	271
1977	Tom Watson	276
1978	Gary Player	277
1979	Fuzzy Zoeller	280
1980	Seve Ballesteros	275
1981	Tom Watson	280
1982	Craig Stadler	284



BEN CRENSHAW:
Won his second Masters at the age of 43 in 1995.

1983	Seve Ballesteros	280
1984	Ben Crenshaw	277
1985	Bernhard Langer	282
1986	Jack Nicklaus	279
1987	Larry Mize	285
1988	Sandy Lyle	281
1989	Nick Faldo	283
1990	Nick Faldo	278
1991	Ian Woosnam	277
1992	Fred Couples	275
1993	Bernhard Langer	277
1994	José María Olazábal	279
1995	Ben Crenshaw	274
1996	Nick Faldo	276
1997	Tiger Woods	270
1998	Mark O'Meara	279
1999	José María Olazábal	280
2000	Vijay Singh	278
2001	Tiger Woods	272
2002	Tiger Woods	276
2003	Mike Weir	281
2004	Phil Mickelson	279
2005	Tiger Woods	276
2006	Phil Mickelson	281
2007	Zach Johnson	289
2008	Trevor Immelman	280
2009	Ángel Cabrera	276
2010	Phil Mickelson	272
2011	Charl Schwartzel	274
2012	Bubba Watson	278
2013	Adam Scott	279



WINNING JUST

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SPORTS EDITOR

THE last few months have been very tough ones for some of the south coast's leading non-league football clubs.

A variety of circumstances have created financial problems at Winchester City, AFC Totton and Sholing.

Winchester have had to reform and rename their club as a result, while Totton have also changed from a members' club to a limited company.

The latter found themselves in trouble despite banking £72,000 alone just from having their FA Cup tie against Bristol Rovers in December 2011 shown live on national television.

As for Sholing, their predicament has forced them to resign from Division 1 South & West of the Southern League despite showing promotion winning form in recent weeks.

The three stories are obviously separate, with different personalities involved and different reasons for the problems emerging.

As a whole, though, they sum up just how tough it is for even the more successful non-league clubs in this area to prosper in these recessionary times.

Attendances are down at most of the south coast's major clubs this season.

Totton's crowds at their Testwood Stadium are almost 25 per cent down on last season, while Winchester and Sholing are averaging less than 100 people through the turnstiles.

Even though non league clubs have never relied solely on gate monies to pay the bills – and there can be some large travel ones to pay as you climb up the pyramid – falling attendances have not helped.

No doubt Saints' promotion to the Premier League has taken some people away from watching non league football.

Saints are averaging around 5,000 more fans this season than last, and they have to come from somewhere.

But on its own no club can use Saints' success as a big reason for their own attendance decline. It's a similar story at Poole Town.

Despite this season's success story in winning promotion from Division 1 South West of the Southern



League, the Dolphins' average crowds have dropped compared to 2011/12.

Why should that be?

Has AFC Bournemouth's emergence as a League 1 promotion possible drawn fans away from Tatnum?

If it has, then it can't be that many, surely?

No, the more likely answer is that the country's economic situation is having an impact on non-league attendances.

Only the Barclays Premier League appears indestructible in

that respect.

It's not just this area's top clubs that are suffering.

Even in the Conference, Mansfield and Kidderminster – the two clubs in with a chance of winning the title – have seen crowds drop this season despite their on-pitch successes.

Even Chester FC, who have walked away with the Blue Square North title, have been playing in front of smaller attendances than last season.

Obviously, not even winning football is enough to keep on

attracting the supporters these days ...

If Mansfield, Kidderminster, Chester and Poole can't improve their gates, what hope is there for the likes of Winchester City?

So dominant in winning the Sydenham Wessex Premier Division last season, City's return to the Southern League has been a nightmare.

Last weekend's 3-1 home loss to Bridgwater was their 14th successive league defeat, a run stretching back to early January.

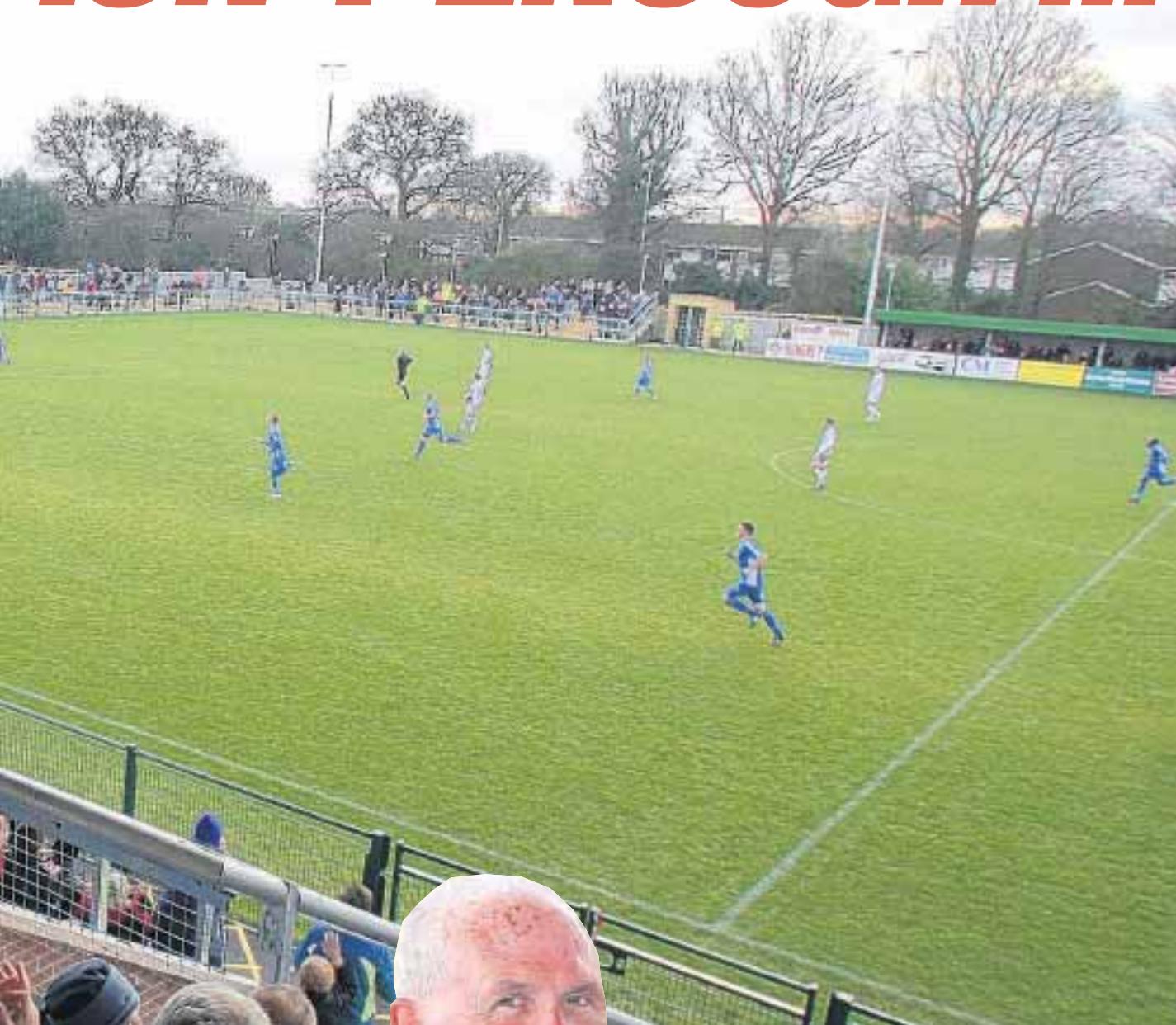
Like Sholing, Winchester will be

NON-LEAGUE STORY TO TELL? CALL WENDY GEE ON

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ISN'T ENOUGH ...



back in the Wessex next season, reborn under a new name of Winchester City Community Club and under the guidance of former Eastleigh directors Paul Murray and David Malone.

Malone recently returned to the club after talks with former owner Paul McCarthy, agreeing to sink £2,500 of his own money into the club if others helped out financially as well.

Winchester were sinking under the weight of an estimated £95,000 debt when ex-boxer



McCarthy took control in October 2008.

He insists the debts Malone has been left to oversee are only around a tenth of that.

"I've had an absolute bellyful," McCarthy said on departing.

"These latter stages have been tough since I decided to put no more money in. I need a good break from football now, it's an all-consuming industry.

"Winchester needs

some fresh blood and Dave Malone is bringing in a consortium of people and fans to work with him."

McCarthy's words in many ways sum up non league football.

He is right to say it is "an all-consuming industry" – more so than the professional game, as the vast majority of people involved in trying to run non league clubs are not being paid for their time and efforts.

In the same way that rich benefactors have helped the likes of Chelsea and Manchester City in

Did You Know?

WORLD GOLF RANKING

1 Tiger Woods, USA	12.17
2 Rory McIlroy, Nir	10.88
3 Adam Scott, Aus	7.92
4 Justin Rose, Eng	6.91
(pictured below)	
5 Brandt Snedeker, USA	6.48
6 Luke Donald, Eng	6.46
7 Louis Oosthuizen, Zaf	5.88
8 Steve Stricker, USA	5.64
9 Matt Kuchar, USA	5.48
10 Phil Mickelson, USA	5.23
11 Lee Westwood, Eng	5.18
12 Keegan Bradley, USA	5.10
13 Sergio Garcia, Esp	4.98
14 Bubba Watson, USA	4.95
15 Ian Poulter, Eng	4.94
16 Charl Schwartzel, Zaf	4.93
17 Dustin Johnson, USA	4.66
18 Graeme McDowell, Nir	4.65



19 Jason Dufner, USA	4.59
20 Webb Simpson, USA	4.28
21 Peter Hanson, Swe	4.22
22 Hunter Mahan, USA	4.17
23 Nick Watney, USA	4.06
24 Ernie Els, Zaf	3.96
25 Jason Day, Aus	3.79
26 Jim Furyk, USA	3.73
27 Bo Van Pelt, USA	3.67
28 Bill Haas, USA	3.43
29 Zach Johnson, USA	3.41
30 Rickie Fowler, USA	3.40
31 Gonzalo Fdez-Castano, Esp	3.35
32 Branden Grace, Zaf	3.25
33 Martin Kaymer, Deu	3.23
34 Thorbjorn Olesen, Dnk	3.18
35 Jamie Donaldson, Wal	2.97
36 Carl Pettersson, Swe	2.97
37 Paul Lawrie, Sco	2.95
38 Robert Garrigus, USA	2.94
39 Scott Piercy, USA	2.93
40 Francesco Molinari, Ita	2.89
41 Henrik Stenson, Swe	2.86
42 Nicolas Colsaerts, Bel	2.66
43 Michael Thompson, USA	2.6
44 George Coetzee, Zaf	2.56
45 Ryan Moore, USA	2.56
46 Fredrik Jacobson, Swe	2.51
47 Richard Sterne, Zaf	2.48
48 Tim Clark, Zaf	2.45
49 Matteo Manassero, Ita	2.44
50 Marcel Siem, Deu	2.39

TIGER Woods, pictured, returned to world number one this year and is now in his 627th week as world number one.



The other players who have had official world number one status in the 24-year history of the ranking are:

BERNHARD LANGER	(3 weeks)
SEVE BALLESTEROS	(61 weeks)
GREG NORMAN	(331 weeks)
NICK FALDO	(97 weeks)
IAN WOOSNAM	(50 weeks)
FRED COUPLES	(16 weeks)
NICK PRICE	(44 weeks)
TOM LEHMAN	(1 week)
ERNIE ELS	(9 weeks)
DAVID DUVAL	(15 weeks)
VIJAY SINGH	(32 weeks)
MARTIN KAYMER	(8 weeks)
LEE WESTWOOD	(22 weeks)
LUKE DONALD	(56 weeks)
RORY MCILROY	(39 weeks)

Did You Know

WORLD SNOOKER STATISTICS

To celebrate the World Championships starting this weekend in Sheffield, here are some facts on the tournament ...

- The greatest number of Championship wins of all time is 15 by Joe Davis. This was in an era when there were few professional players and far fewer matches required to win.

- The first maximum break in the championship was achieved by Cliff Thorburn in 1983. Ronnie O'Sullivan (1997, 2003, 2008) and Stephen Hendry (1995, 2009, 2012) are the only players to achieve the feat more than once.

- O'Sullivan's maximum in 1997 was, at 5 minutes 20 seconds, the fastest ever recorded in the professional game.

- Fergal O'Brien is the only player to score a century in his first frame at the Crucible, which he did in 1994.

- The longest ever frame at the Crucible lasted 1 hour, 15 minutes, and was played between Stephen Maguire and Mark King in 2009.

- Luca Brecel was the youngest ever player to reach the final tournament in 2012 at the age of 17 years and 35 days. He was also the youngest player to score a century break (116).

- Stephen Hendry was the youngest ever champion when he won in 1990 at the age of 21 years and 106 days.

- In the 2009 event, Stephen Hendry won his 1,000th frame at the Crucible Theatre, against Ding Junhui.

- There have only ever been four champions from outside the United Kingdom: Horace Lindrum of Australia in 1952; Cliff Thorburn of Canada in 1980; Ken Doherty of Ireland in 1997 and Neil Robertson of Australia in 2010.

- Surprise winners include Joe Johnson and Shaun Murphy, who won in 1986 and 2005 respectively against odds of 150-1 each, and Terry Griffiths, whose 1979 victory came in only his second professional tournament.

- Jimmy White has reached six finals, but has never won. The closest he came was 17-18 in 1994 against Stephen Hendry, on his 32nd birthday.

- Ronnie O'Sullivan is the only multiple finalist in the modern era to have never lost in a final.

- Ken Doherty is the only player to have won the world title at junior, amateur and professional level.

- Stephen Hendry holds the record for the longest unbeaten run at the Crucible Theatre. He won the Championship every year between 1992 and 1996, and continued unbeaten until the 1997 final.

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CONFERENCE DREAMS



THE FUTURE: An artist's impression of how Sholing's new facilities will look from the car parking area.

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the last decade, a similar story applies in the non league ranks.

Clubs with rich individuals involved stand a better chance of success.

The clubs with the better budgets will attract the better players.

Even at Wessex League level, money talks. It has for a while now, and will continue to do so.

Some Southern League players can, and do, earn a few hundred pounds a week. Not bad 'top up' money bearing in mind most of them will also have a 'proper' full-time occupation as well.

As for Eastleigh, current boss Richard Hill and predecessor Ian Baird have had to fight accusations that their club is 'buying' success in terms of a large wage bill.

After all, the Spittires were able to bring Damien Scannell back to the Silverlake Stadium after he left Football League club Dagenham & Redbridge.

And Baird signed Jai Reason last summer, the player preferring to travel down from the London area to play for Eastleigh in a lower division rather than staying at Conference club Braintree.

You can't tell me that money did not play a factor in those two transfers, or other ones Eastleigh have made.

Stewart Donald and Neil Fox made it clear when they took over at Eastleigh in late 2011 that they were aiming high.

"We want to get 3,000 here eventually," Fox said of Eastleigh's crowds.

"Eastleigh has massive potential. The thing we like is the catchment area.

"Although Southampton are on the doorstep, Eastleigh have 400,000 people living within 20 or 30 minutes of the ground."

"There are around 300,000 people in the Southampton area alone."

"If the facilities are improved and the football is of a slightly higher standard, the potential to bring crowds in at Eastleigh is huge."

"The plan is to invest in the team, invest in the facilities and get people through the door. Our first target is to get regular attendances of 1,000 and take it from there."

If Eastleigh go up this season, they will have leapt from the Wessex League to the Conference premier in the space of a decade.

That is a monumental improvement in a fairly short space of time. But very rarely have the club managed to attract 1,000 fans for a league game, the record being 2,283 against AFC Wimbledon in 2009 when the visitors brought at least half the crowd with them.

That might change, though, if the Spittires are playing Conference football next season against the likes of Aldershot, Wrexham, Luton and Woking.

Despite all the financial problems elsewhere, though, Eastleigh are by no means the only local club aiming high.

Having had planning permission granted for major new facilities at their Portsmouth Road home, Sholing will be "stretched to the limit financially" and have reluctantly decided to move back to the Wessex League.

Diaper told the *Daily Echo* two months ago: "Our decision is based purely on financial reasons.

"We have received planning consent on our application for a new facility and our resources will be stretched to the limit as we ensure the project is delivered within budget.

"The new facility will provide much-needed revenue and it is hoped, in time, that the club will be in the position to apply for promotion back to the Southern League.



Calvin Caunter, director of Vision Accendo, Totton's shirt sponsors – is leading the Stags' new-look consortium.

"Totton's my passion," he recently said. "I want the club to be successful and be up there with Eastleigh and Salisbury in the Blue Square South."

Is that a realistic vision, or just a pipedream?

Sholing, despite their forthcoming return to the Wessex League, are also dreaming of higher division football.

Boss Dave Diaper has even mentioned the club playing in the Conference.

"We haven't got a money tree to pick from and it's pointless going up the pyramid if you can't sustain it."

Sholing's current clubhouse is to be demolished, making way for a modern replacement complying with FA regulations and featuring new toilets, showers, first aid and officials' accommodation.

With 12 teams and 350 members, Sholing want a state-of-the-art 3G pitch and training area to cater for all ages, as well as an upgraded second pitch. Improved social facilities will allow them to generate much-needed income.

"Ultimately this club wants

Conference football and it's not our plan to stay in the Wessex for the next five years," Diaper added.

"If we all stick together we will still be a force."

Conference football at Sholing!

I ask the same question again: Is that a realistic hope or another pipedream?

It is said in football that any club is either moving forwards or going backwards.

There is hardly any grey areas in between.

If that is the case, then plaudits should be handed out.

Eastleigh should be congratulated for paying out the sort of wages needed to build a squad capable of challenging for the Conference.

Sholing, likewise, for taking a hard decision to drop back a level in the hope of moving up a few more in years to come.

At least Sholing have a good plan in place, which is a lot healthier than no real plan at all.

Same with AFC Totton, whose decision to switch from a members' club to a limited company has not gone down well with everyone.

But something obviously needed changing, in a bid to get finances back on track and to try and improve attendances as well.

Lest we forget, no local club has suffered as big a drop in gates as the Stags this season.

And well done Dave Malone for getting involved again at Winchester City.

If he hadn't done so, the club might well have ceased to exist.

And this a club which should also have ambitions of at least Southern League Premier Division football.

Paul McCarthy was right to say that anyone getting involved in non league football should be prepared to put in countless hours work, before any attempts are made to pay any bills.

Some wiseguy once remarked that in order to make a small fortune in football, you need to start out with a big one.

That still applies to those that want to immerse themselves in the beautiful game a long, long, long way from the glamour and glitz of the Premier League.

MORE NON-LEAGUE NEWS IN MONDAY'S DAILY ECHO

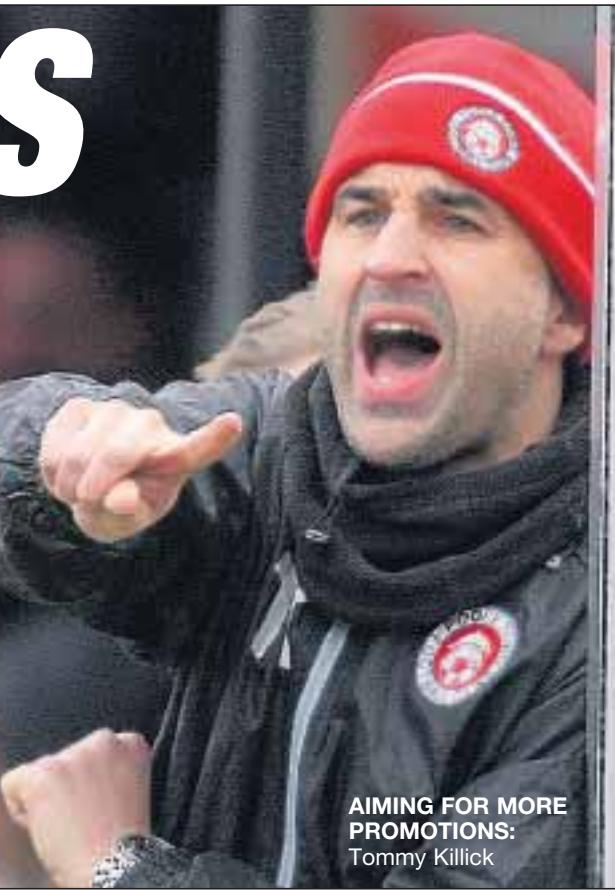
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Did You Know?

KILICK'S TALENT POOLE

Town boss hails players' winning mentality as he targets more promotions



AIMING FOR MORE PROMOTIONS:
Tommy Killick

TOMMY Killick is targeting more promotions for his upwardly-mobile Poole Town team.

Killick this week led the Dolphins to the Southern League Division 1 South & West title, after the huge disappointment of losing in last season's play-off final to south coast rivals Gosport Borough.

Poole's title triumph was confirmed on Tuesday night when Swindon Supermarine's 3-0 loss at Shortwood meant that Killick's runaway leaders could not be caught.

The championship win is Killick's fourth in five amazing seasons at Tatton as Poole clinched a hat-trick of Wessex League wins between 2008/09 and 2010/11.

Prior to that, Poole were still a Hampshire League club as recently as the 2003/04 season. Paul Morrell and Dean Mooney were in charge when Poole won promotion to Division 2 of the Wessex League at the end of that term.

In Killick's first season in charge, in 2004/05, he guided the Dolphins to second place and promotion to the top flight of the Wessex.

Therefore, he has overseen three promotions in his time, which have catapulted the club back into a level they last played at in 1996.

Poole won this season's title with five games to spare after losing just three times in 37 Southern League matches.

Deflecting praise for the achievement, the man whose goals helped Wimborne Town win the 1992 FA Vase at Wembley said: "A lot of managers at this level have to deal with stuff that I don't have to deal with.

POOLE TOWN'S RECORD SINCE FINISHING BOTTOM OF THE SOUTHERN LEAGUE SOUTH DIVISION IN 1995/96

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Pos
1995-96 SOUTH-S	42	0	1	41	17	188	1	2/22
1996-97 HANTS-1	40	17	7	16	73	59	58	2/21
1997-98 HANTS-1	37	28	4	5	137	39	88	3/20
1998-99 HANTS-1	36	27	6	3	124	42	87	2/19
1999-00 HANTS-1	34	27	4	3	108	1	85	1/18
2000-01 HANTS-P	40	26	7	7	128	54	85	2/21
2001-02 HANTS-P	40	24	8	8	86	49	80	5/21
2002-03 HANTS-P	38	22	6	10	79	54	72	4/20
2003-04 HANTS-P	34	23	6	5	107	46	75	3/18
2004-05 WESSEX-2	42	33	4	5	123	29103	2/22	
2005-06 WESSEX-1	42	21	8	13	79	60	71	8/22
2006-07 WESSEX-P	38	23	4	11	88	41	73	4/20
2007-08 WESSEX-P	44	29	9	6	120	35	96	4/23
2008-09 WESSEX-P	42	38	2	2	144	34116	1/22	
2009-10 WESSEX-P	42	35	4	3	128	40109	1/22	
2010-11 WESSEX-P	42	33	5	4	132	44104	1/22	
2011-12 SL-1SW	40	25	6	9	78	39	81	2/21
2012/13 SL-1SW	38	28	7	3	77	30	91	1/22

"There is so much work done by so many people behind the scenes that my life is made easy and the players are treated very well."

"There is so much hard work that goes on and that is what makes the club what it is and they deserve to be

rewarded for this promotion.

"As much as the players deserve it, the club as a whole deserves it."

Killick went on: "I am so proud of the players and I feel that their mentality has been exceptional.

"They dealt with the heartbreak of the play-off final defeat last season and turned that disappointment into a steely determination to make sure that it didn't happen again and that we didn't miss out this time round."

"The difference between ordinary teams and successful teams is consistency. The mental make-up of the team gives you consistency and I think that is what has been so impressive about our group of players."

Classic situation

"When we haven't played well, it has been the classic situation of managing to get positive results."

"I am a big believer that the mental make-up is as important as ability. Ability-wise, there is not necessarily a significant difference between us and some of the other teams."

"But the mental strength that we have has set us apart. I feel privileged to manage this group of players."

Killick added: "The ultimate aim for me is to try and get this club into the Conference South."

"It is the exceptional level in part-time football and it is a standard that a town like Poole deserves."

"A lot of managers stay safe when they talk about targets and try to take the pressure off themselves."

"But we will be going in to attack the Premier Division and, with the players we have, I don't see why we can't be right up there at the top end of it."

Recent history shows he has a right

to be confident. Gosport Borough, who beat Poole in last season's play-off final, could potentially claim a play-off place this season.

And prior to that, AFC Totton were beaten play-off finalists in last season's Southern League Premier Division – where victory over Oxford City would have taken them into the Blue Square Bet South alongside the likes of Eastleigh and Salisbury.

A return to the Southern League's top flight will also give Poole the chance to make amends for the club's last season at that level.

That was back in the 1995/96 season when the club picked up only one point from 42 league games in finishing bottom of the Southern League when it was sponsored by Beazer Homes.

The only point was from a 0-0 home draw with local rivals Basley.

In all, Keith Miller's side – who had to play home games at Hamworthy United after being forced out of Poole Stadium in 1994 – conceded a whopping 188 goals.

In 21 away games, they conceded six or more goals on 11 occasions.

They also conceded eight goals at home in three different matches, in a division which also featured the likes of Newport IOW, Havant Town, Waterlooville, Fleet, Weymouth, Forest Green Rovers and Weston-super-Mare.

The following season, 1996/97, Poole started life in the Hampshire League under Trevor Parker, playing home games at the tiny ground of Holt United.

From there, they have now returned to the Southern League's top flight and are just two steps away from the Conference Premier.

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- 1969: John Spencer bt Gary Owen 37-24
- 1970: Ray Reardon bt John Pulman 37-33
- 1971: John Spencer bt W Simpson 37-29
- 1972: Alex Higgins bt John Spencer 37-32
- 1973: Ray Reardon bt Charlton 38-32
- 1974: Ray Reardon bt G Miles 22-12
- 1975: Ray Reardon bt Charlton 31-30
- 1976: Ray Reardon bt Alex Higgins 27-16
- 1977: John Spencer bt C Thorburn 25-21
- 1978: Ray Reardon bt Perrie Mans 25-18
- 1979: Terry Griffiths bt D Taylor 24-16
- 1980: Cliff Thorburn bt Alex Higgins 18-16
- 1981: Steve Davis bt D Mountjoy 18-12
- 1982: Alex Higgins bt Ray Reardon 18-15
- 1983: Steve Davis bt Cliff Thorburn 18-6
- 1984: Steve Davis bt Jimmy White 18-16
- 1985: Dennis Taylor bt Steve Davis 18-17
- 1986: Joe Johnson bt Steve Davis 18-12
- 1987: Steve Davis bt Joe Johnson 18-14



STEPHEN HENDRY

- 1988: Steve Davis bt Terry Griffiths 18-11
- 1989: Steve Davis bt John Parrott 18-3
- 1990: Stephen Hendry bt J White 18-12
- 1991: John Parrott bt Jimmy White 18-11
- 1992: Stephen Hendry bt J White 18-14
- 1993: Stephen Hendry bt J White 18-5
- 1994: Stephen Hendry bt J White 18-17
- 1995: Stephen Hendry bt Nigel Bond 18-9
- 1996: Stephen Hendry bt P Ebdon 18-12
- 1997: Ken Doherty bt S Hendry 18-12
- 1998: John Higgins bt Ken Doherty 18-12
- 1999: S Hendry bt M Williams 18-11
- 2000: Mark Williams bt M Stevens 18-16
- 2001: R O'Sullivan bt J Higgins 18-14
- 2002: Peter Ebdon bt S Hendry 18-17
- 2003: Mark Williams bt Ken Doherty 18-16
- 2004: Ronnie O'Sullivan bt G Dott 18-8
- 2005: Shaun Murphy v M Stevens 18-16
- 2006: Graeme Dott bt Peter Ebdon 18-14
- 2007: John Higgins bt Mark Selby 18-13
- 2008: Ronnie O'Sullivan bt Ali Carter 18-8
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Park Scratchings

Meet the Manager

Bishop's Waltham Dynamos

WHO ARE YA?

Name: Adam Baker

Age: 23

From: Bishop's Waltham

Occupation: Ambient manager in a local supermarket

Role at the club:

Player-manager

Supports:

Southampton

Favourite player:

Adam Lallana

Best football

moment: Guiding my under-18 team to the league and cup double, losing just one game in the process.

Best goal: This was on March 9 earlier this year when right back Adam Saunders hits the ball on the volley from the right wing, smashing the post and in from way out. Superb goal.

Ambitions for the club: To keep the team together and progress to the Hampshire leagues and beyond

ABOUT THE TEAM

Nickname: Dynamos

Local pub: The Priory

Tight wad with the subs: Don't have a tight wad as subs are paid at start of the season

Ladies' man: Lewis Robinson and Lewis Jenkins think they are ladies' men, but they always fail. A class double act

Best haircut: It has to go to Joe Dudley with his long, curly golden locks

Worst haircut: Lewis Robinson – Geordie Shore cut makes him a clear winner

Club jester: Team captain Tom Belfield; always has a stupid yet funny comment at training

Worst driver: Chris Field. In an away game earlier in the season he found himself in the opposition box, he then received a two-footed challenge where the player did not win the ball. Chris went down and managed to get booked for simulation... pure class (NOTE: Bishop's Waltham mistook driver for diver!)

Worst car: Joey Silvester. He loves his little Vauxhall Corsa but thanks to a team night out he found the inside of his car door ended up being ripped off.

AFC Station

WHO ARE YA?

Name: Tony 'Badger' Hewes – Badger because of my hair colour

Age: 49

Area from: St Denys, Southampton.

Position in club: Manager/coach

Team I support: Saints
My favourite player:
Frank Lampard

My best moment: My under-15 Tyro League team completing the league and cup double

Best goal: A penalty that I scored when I played in my last ever competitive match many years ago

My ambitions: For my team to get promoted

ABOUT THE TEAM

Nickname: AFC Station

Local pub: The Station Pub, Bitterne

Team tightwad with the subs: Gareth Harris

Ladies' man: Rob Fox

Best haircut: Ben Bowers

Worst haircut: Tom Hodges

Club jester: Jonny Malcolm

Club's dodgiest driver: Ross Urquhart

Who owns the worst car and what is it?

Steve Pendrey. The sad truth is my push bike is worth more than my car... a beaten up 1996 Ford Fiesta automatic

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BISHOPS HAVE TO



FULL STRETCH: Bishop's Waltham Dynamos keeper Finlay Taylor dives to make a save. Order no: 16231236

watchful eye of manager Tony Hewes.

AFC Station weren't intimidated by Bishop's Waltham's perfect record, in fact when the game kicked off the conditions were easier to Station to cope with and they were knocking the ball about quickly in the final third.

But good moves were breaking down when the ball got stuck in

puddles that were getting deeper by the minute.

The first chance fell Station's way when Adam Curnow's cross from the left wing found Rob Fox who looped his header just over the bar when he was unmarked.

The chance was a warning sign for Bishop's Waltham who were under pressure from Station's crosses. A bending free-kick by Adam Curnow

caused chaos in the Bishop's Waltham box and found the head of Michael Dean whose skinned header had keeper Finlay Taylor testing out the grip of his gloves.

Bishop's Waltham wanted to play against the conditions and try short, zippy passing football, which was impossible as many passes couldn't find a man as they held up on the increasingly sticky surface.



BISHOP'S WALTHAM DYNAMOS: Back row (from left): Chris Field, Joey Dudley, Lewis Jenkins, Finlay Taylor, Toby Derham, Rob Paterson and Ben Rastrick. Front: Adam Baker, Joey Silvester, Toby Roberts, Thomas Belford, Dan Smith and Adam Saunders.



BATTLE FOR THE BALL: AFC Station's Harry Ward, right, and Bishop's Waltham Dynamos' Toby Derham. Order no: 16231243

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Park Scratchings

WAIT FOR BUBBLY



PILE ON! Action from Bishop's Waltham Dynamos (red/yellow) v AFC Station. Order no: 16231230



GAME OVER: The referee abandons the match. Order no: 16231254

Referee rating: Patrick Mcgonigle kept a good eye on proceedings. Made a good call to abandon the game as the players were at risk of injury in the awful conditions. Both managers and the players agreed that the ref did the right thing 8/10

Match highlight: It's hard to have a highlight of an incomplete game where it was 0-0 but the save by Bishop's Waltham keeper Finlay Taylor from Michael Dean was absolutely stunning – the way he got a reactionary fingertip when the ball was curling into the top left hand corner was miraculous.

Match lowlight: The weather was the lowlight, as the pitch just got wetter and wetter. Seeing a great game abandoned was a sad sight.

Match rating: For half an hour the game ebbed and flowed despite the torrid conditions for the players. It was a full blooded affair with both sides trying their best to make the most of what was the soggiest pitch I have ever seen. Both sides contrasted each other in terms of style. Station were a more direct team who liked to hit the box early with crosses, while Bishop's Waltham's movement was a joy to watch. It was a great game for half an hour 8/10

Despite this, they did have a spell of possession, although Station almost managed to grab a goal against the run of play when the impressive Michael Dean curled a peach of a shot towards the top corner, but his 25-yard effort was tipped over the bar by the smallest of touches by Finlay Taylor.

The game had an ebb and flow about it and, despite the torrential

downpour causing chaos on the pitch, was a joy to watch.

But the slide tackles became increasingly more uncontrolled as players couldn't stop themselves, and when Adam Curnow injured his ankle after a Bishop's Waltham player mis-timed a challenge, both managers and the ref decided conditions were too dangerous for play to continue.

It was a good call. The players were flying into tackles and the ground couldn't cope with it.

Speaking after the game, referee Patrick Mcgonigle said the pitch was fine before the rain lashed down and that it was the first game he had ever had to abandon.

For Bishop's Waltham what could have been the day that saw them crack open the bubbly, ended with

them soaked to the soles of their boots with rain.

The champagne had to stay on ice, but perhaps it was a good thing as a night out in that rain wouldn't have been fun!

● The champagne was eventually put to good use on Wednesday when Dynamos beat AFC Station 3-0.



MAKING A SPLASH: Action from Bishop's Waltham Dynamos (red/yellow) v AFC Station. Order no: 16231222



AFC STATION: Back row (from left): Joey Attard-Charrett, Adam Curnow, Steve Pendrey, Dan Bock, Harry Ward. Front: Luke Petley, Tom Hodges, John Malcolm, Michael Dean and Rob Fox. Order no: 16231195

Team Ratings

Bishop's Waltham Dynamos

FINLAY TAYLOR: A young keeper who has improved tremendously over the last two seasons. Uses his incredible dance moves to put strikers off when it comes to penalties – shame I didn't see him 'bust some shapes'!

ADAM SAUNDERS: Known as 'Mad Dog'. One of the quieter lads; likes to get forward from left back and works his socks off.

JOEY SILVESTER: Well known for being a big, powerful eater. Great communicator and under-rated defender for the side.

LEWIS JENKINS: Team vice captain. Defended well in the first 20 minutes; very relaxed with the ball at his feet.

CHRIS FIELD: Was sub for this game. Loves to fly in for tackles like Boris Johnson, but only wins four tackles fairly each game.

ADAM BAKER: What can you say about this man? Player-manager and wanted to say he was a superstar for the ratings, although he put himself on the bench for the game. Can talk a good game, that's for sure.

TOBY ROBERTS: A defender's nightmare, can run with the ball at breakneck speed and also a decent passer.

THOMAS BELFIELD: The team's Morgan Schneiderlin who dictates play from the centre of the park.

ROB PATERSON: A dynamo in the midfield with an engine that just never stops.

BEN RASTRICK: The second oldest player in the squad at the tender age of 24. Doesn't like to move but has fantastic vision and range of passing.

DAN SMITH: One of the quickest players in the team and holds the most assists in the squad. A legend with his teammates as he scored the winning goal in the Hampshire B cup semi-final with a cheeky lob.

JOE DUDLEY: The target man. At 6ft 4in he offers the team another option when they're not playing pretty football. Strangely never scores with his head – but is deadly with his feet.

TOBY DERHAM: A big, powerful striker with an incredible energy. Works incredibly hard for the team and is always up for a battle.

AFC Station

RYAN GOSNEY: Started the game as a stand-in keeper, but was solid when called upon for half an hour.

Steve Pendrey: Stuck at right back, he helped form the team up and is one of the veterans of the team. Generally spends more time on his backside than on his feet!

DAN BUCK: Left back and one of the harder workers who always turns up on time.

JONNY MALCOLM: Every club has a big talker and he does enough of it to wind up any ref. Despite that, has done well this season and is solid at the back.

HARRY WARD: Leads the team as captain, barking out instructions from centre back.

MICHAEL DEAN: Probably the club's most gifted player, showed glimpses of real ability in half an hour.

ADAM CURNOW: A really hard worker. Oldest in the side but fitter than many of his teammates. He was running the show for Station.

TONY HODGES: A little workhorse in the centre of the park – shame about his haircut.

JOEY ATTARD-CHARRETT: Pacy wide player, but can be a little injury prone. High hopes for him to stay off crutches next season.

ROB FOX: He is usually never available, probably due to his George Best lifestyle, but like Best his talent makes up for it.

LUKE PETLEY: A solid striker who dresses like a student but plays football like a pro. He has a frightening long range shot.

JAMIE MOSS: The father figure to all the players. Doesn't play much these days but can still cut it – sometimes.

GARETH HARRIS: AFC Station's top scorer this season, but he needs to get himself a driving licence.

MATT BARNARD: Didn't get a chance to come on as he says he is not fit enough for a whole game, yet can run three marathons each year. Excuses, excuses.

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Non-league Football

Park strengthen summit footing

■ HAYWARD SATURDAY

STEVE Haime led the way with a superb hat-trick when Richmond Park Con opened up a ten-point lead at the top of DIVISION ONE with an emphatic 9-1 triumph over Bournemouth Electric Reserves.

Ben Hatch (2), Mike Thompson (2), Brad Parnell and Paul Barber (pen) were the other Richmond marksmen with Ramez Vafa scoring Electric's consolation goal.

Josh Harper netted for Queens Park Athletic but Alderholt secured a 4-1 victory thanks to goals from Luke Homer, Jason Thorne, Rob Gilbert and Ryan Moir.

Luke Scrimshaw struck for Bournemouth Manor but the reigning champions' lead at the top of the PREMIER DIVISION was reduced to just two points when they suffered their first league defeat of the season at Sway where their nearest rivals shaded it 2-1 with goals from Ryan Sheppard and Alex Davis.

Bradley Aspin notched a hat-trick when third-placed Bournemouth Electric upended relegation threatened Allendale 7-3. Paul Conroy (2), Luke McCoy, and Jolyan May were also on target for the Sparkies with Lorne Cooper-Blaney, Dave Rimmer, and Lewis Mann replying for Allendale.

Craig Leverton and Ellis George netted for Bournemouth Poppies in the other Premier Division game but Hamworthy Recreation just got the better of them 3-2 with goals from Gary Vincent (2) and Tim Porter.

Stuart Pomeroy struck for Allendale Reserves when they brought the curtain down on their DIVISION FOUR campaign but bottom-placed Burley were 3-1 winners courtesy of Dan Tucker, Luke Hampson and an own goal.

Alderholt Reserves are level on points with a game in hand on DIVISION SIX leaders AFC Burton Reserves after Tom Barrett (2), Tom Davies (2) and Tom Edwards gave them the upper hand 5-3 against Boldre Royals. Alex Adkin, Liam Black, and Simon Gilby were the Boldre scorers.



MIDGLEY IS GOAL KING FOR QUEENS

■ HAYWARD SUNDAY

REIGNING champions Queens Park increased their lead at the top of the PREMIER LEAGUE with a 7-2 triumph over Priory Quays.

Dave Midgley bagged a hat-trick with Shahram Sam-Daliri and Steve Haime adding two each while Chris Payne and Billy Mackey provided some consolation for Priory. Joe Wood was the five-goal star when Shoulder of Mutton walloped Harry's Bar 7-3 with Jamie Moores and Luke Whittaker adding one each. Jay Birch (2) and Matty Connor were the Harry's Bar marksmen.

Jonathan Massey and Derek Yeboah netted for Kavell in the only DIVISION ONE game to take place but Bournemouth Electric gave them a 6-2 drubbing thanks to David Piper's hat-trick and further goals from Sam Adams (2) and Rob Stephens.

Tieglas Tiles move up to fifth place in DIVISION TWO after Matt Austin and Mike Laming earned them a 2-2 draw with promotion chasing KC Transport.

Duncan Atkinson bagged a hat-trick and Rob Stephenson added another when AFC Ringwood completed their DIVISION THREE campaign 11 points ahead of nearest rivals Victoria Cross after subduing them 4-2. Ringwood must now wait to see if Corfe Mullen United can get 13 points from their five remaining games to snatch the title from their grasp.

Magies completed their DIVISION FOUR programme with a 1-0 win over second-placed Royal Mail Bournemouth, while Martyn MacKinlay and Aidan Kelly earned Ace a 2-2 draw with fellow strug-



HAT-TRICK: Dave Midgley, right.

glers Three Cross who replied through Sam Clayton and Callum Clayton.

Victoria Park Royals kept their DIVISION FIVE title hopes alive with a 3-0 victory over A & T Athletic thanks to Mike Kitson (2) and John Bailey, while Sam Burton, Luke Bartlett and Rich Sainsbury gave Carling Sports a 3-1 success against Kavell Reserves. Bournemouth Electric Reserves

remain two points clear at the top of DIVISION SIX after their 8-1 triumph over Vienna Windows Reserves. Ben Hatch and Joe Kittle both grabbed hat-tricks for the Sparkies with Rafael Santos and Lewis Miles adding one each.

Martin Frigot rattled in four when nearest rivals Newtown Rovers gave Shamrock a 6-1 spanking with Adam Janes getting the other two, while White Heather

Hornets move up to third place after Richard Baldry, Chris Baldry and George Moraits scored two each in their 6-1 triumph over Windgreen Corfe Mullen.

Carl Fleet struck twice in Emsbury Park Rangers' 5-1 tonking of Grove Tavern with Ed Brewer, Joe Wilcox and Laurence Walters adding one each, while tailenders New Milton Borough went down 2-0 to goals from Tony Hannan-Bobe and Stuart Fitzgerald against Richmond Park Rangers.

Carborne are just a point adrift of DIVISION SEVEN pacesetters Ferndown Forest after Dan Loader scored both goals, one from the penalty spot and the other from a free kick, in their 2-1 win over James and James.

Adam Eager, Dean Iles and Max Stock netted for AFC Dean Park but they had to settle for a 3-3 draw with Winkton Autos, while Tom Milne, Chris Hill and Adam Brookbanks gave Scott V the edge 3-2 against Intellihouse.

Alex James nabbed a hat-trick when DIVISION EIGHT front-runners Kings Park Dynamos swept West Howe aside 6-3 with Mark Poole (2) and Jack Robinson also on target, while third-placed Alderholt hammered Sports Cuts 6-1 courtesy of Matt Cole's hat-trick and further goals from Tom Cranmer (2) and Alex Hirst.

Luke Miles plundered four when Talbot Rangers stepped up their pursuit of hundred per cent DIVISION NINE leaders Gala when they lapped Bournemouth Foxes 8-1 with Mark Pudney (2), Calvin Mace and Sam Phillips also on target.

Ollie Barton netted for Kings Park Athletic but they had to settle for a point when Sam Broom earned Ferndown Wayfarers an impressive 1-1 draw.

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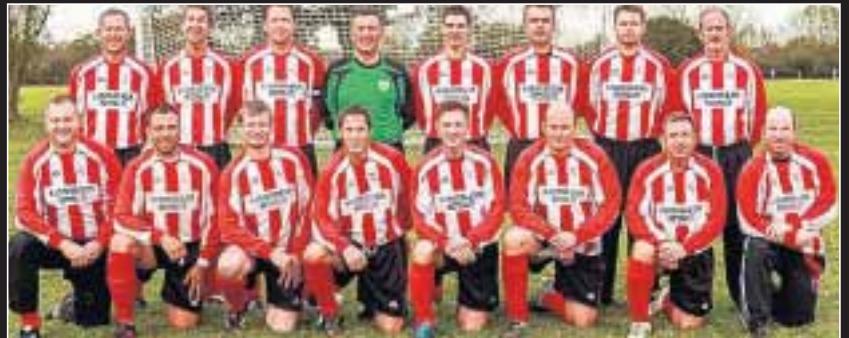
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Non-league Football



EASTLEIGH'S Silverlake Stadium hosts the final of the Trophyman Senior League Cup between Premier Division title favourites Bush Hill, left, and Park Sports, above, on Wednesday (7.30pm). Bush Hill, who are on course for a fifth successive Premier Division title, are obviously clear favourites but Park Sports are no pushover and have already played at Eastleigh this season, earning the respect of the home club with a fine performance in the SDFA Cup.



On Thursday, Hythe Aztec Vets, above left, face Colden Common, above right, at Hamble ASSC in the Hampshire FA Vets Cup final.

HILL OF A FRIGHT

STRUGGLERS AFC Hiltingbury gave Premier Division title favourites Bush Hill a run for their money before going down 3-2 to goals from Dean Laxton, Perry Harding and Nick Kesby.

Leaders Netley Central are still in contention, although Bush Hill have games in hand, after a 3-1 win at third-placed Comrades – Kev Lewis, and Ricky's Bull and Rawlins responsible, **writes ROD SUTHERLAND**.

Nursling eased their relegation woes with

■ DREW SMITH LEAGUE SENIOR DIVISIONS

a 4-0 defeat of Bishopstoke WMC with 41-year-old Ian Shaw, Lance Dunham, Terry Coupland and Andy Clark Junior sharing the honours.

On Wednesday, Bush Hill further helped their cause with a 2-1 defeat of Cadnam United, Paul Wiltshire with a late winner after Cadnam had cancelled out Rich Patterson's opener. Comrades kept their slim title hopes alive with a 2-1 win at Questmap – Lewis Morse with both.

Park Sports remain on track for the

Senior 1 title as Scott Ryves netted four times, with Gareth Johnson completing the tally, in a 5-2 victory over BTC Reserves, but they came a cropper, losing 3-2, in the return on Wednesday against the same opponents to leave the title race in the balance.

Burridge recovered a 3-1 deficit to sneak a 4-4 draw with Comrades Reserves, Martin Anderson with a brace for Comrades and Ryan Baddams doing likewise for Burridge.

Flooks hits treble as Vipers put bite on Braishfield

THREE of the four title chasers in Junior 1 were victorious but long term leaders QK Soton fell to a 3-0 defeat by AFC Grains with Jack Garrett on a double.

Veracity defeated Braishfield 6-1 with Shane Flooks a treble hero and Sean Jones weighing in with two goals. Solent Saints defeated Langley Manor 5-0 with Joe Herbert scoring twice. Riverside edged Compton 4-3 to stay in touch

■ JUNIOR DIVISIONS

with Mike Dunningham hitting a hat-trick.

Riverside's title hopes were ended by Compton in mid-week as they were held 2-2.

Solent Saints and Veracity Vipers both had good wins, Solent 6-0 v Grains while Vipers defeated QK Soton A.

Charlie Brown's hat-trick helped West Totton to a 4-1 win at Otterbourne in the only Junior 2 match.

Warsash Wasps lost ground on the Junior 3 promotion pack as they let slip a goal lead to fall 3-1 to Capital who finished their season on a high thanks to Dan Rogers, Rich Frost and Alex Scott.

There was a rare 4-1 victory for Wellow at AFC Gordons with goals from Malc Davies Junior, Terry Griffiths, Billy Robinson and Ben Baddams.

The only Junior 4 clash proved decisive as

Chandler's Ford took the title with a 3-1 defeat of New Forest with Niall O'Connor grabbing a brace and Damien Craven a single.

Bishop's Waltham completed stage one of the double after winning 3-0 against main rivals AFC Station to seal the Junior 6 title. They still have the Hants FA B Cup final to look forward to in May v Newport IoW A.

Love-LEE jubbly

■ VETERAN DIVISIONS

COLDEN Common completed an A Division double over Nursling with a fine 4-2 victory with Lee Smith leading the way with a treble; Alan Darling did the rest.

Common missed the chance to clinch the title on Wednesday evening, drawing 0-0 at Sporting BTC when victory would have secured the silverware.

Nursling were the main benefactors but must still win their remaining four games by a hatful to deny Common the title. BTC were 5-2 winners at strugglers Redlynch & Woodfalls with Dean Peacock netting two.

Unbeaten leaders Hythe Aztecs marched on in the B Division inflicting a 5-1 defeat on GE Aviation courtesy of a pair apiece from Paul Odam and Tim Rodham, plus a Carl Hall effort. They also won 2-1 in midweek against main rivals Hedge End Rangers with Gareth

Mullins scoring both. The C Division looks likely to go to the wire with Langley Tavern and Woolston both still in the hunt. Neither took to the field last weekend but Woolston were held one each by Royal Mail on Wednesday leaving Tavern in control.

AFC Stoneham and Michelmersh & Timsbury played a double header with the former taking maximum points. Dave Saunders hit both as Stoneham won the first game 2-1 while Paul Chandler hit three and Graham Lyons two in

Stoneham's 5-3 victory in the second game.

The inaugural Over-40s champions are Locks Heath who took the title due to main rivals Hamble Club falling 4-3 at Langley Manor for whom Tony Flood and Justin Beverley both scored twice. Bishop's Waltham and Winchester OB finished all square at 1-1.

DREW SMITH RESULTS AND SCORERS APPEAR IN MONDAY'S ECHO

Did You Know?

LONDON MARATHON

1. Established in 1981. Like many a great idea, the London Marathon all started over a few drinks in a pub. Inspired by the New York Marathon, co-founders Chris Brasher and John Disley dreamed up the mass city race in the Dysart Arms near Richmond Park.

2. Men's record – 2011 winner Kenya's Emmanuel Mutai completed the race in 2:04.40
Women's record – 2003 winner Paula Radcliffe completed the London Marathon in 2:15:25

3. The slowest ever London Marathon time was set by Lloyd Scott back in 2002. Donning a 110lb deep sea diving outfit, he took five days and eight hours to complete the marathon. Alas, no such feat can ever be repeated – race officials have now set a 24-hour time limit.

4. A small number of runners, known as the 'Ever Presents' have completed each of the London Marathons since 1981. After 2012 their number has shrunk to 16. At the running of the 2012 event the oldest runners among them were Kenneth Jones and Jeffrey Gordon, both 78 years old, while the youngest is 53-year-old Chris Finill.

5. The blue paint that marks out the course is steam-cleaned off as the last runner passes so the streets of London are returned to their pristine condition without delay.

6. The record number of finishers was set in 2010, when 36,550 people (including Richard Branson) crossed the finish line.

7. Paula Radcliffe crouched by the side of the road to answer a call of a nature during her victorious run in 2005 despite there being 1,250 portable toilets on course.

8. There are 80 pubs on the route.

9. The biggest margin of victory in the men's marathon was back in 1982 when Hugh Jones beat runner-up Oyvind Dahl by 2 minutes and 57 seconds.

10. The biggest margin of victory in the women's marathon was back in 1981 when Joyce Smith crossed the line a massive 9 minutes in front of Gillian Drake.

11. The fastest time run in a Santa outfit is 2 hrs, 55mins and 50 seconds.

12. Since the race began, more than £550m has been raised by runners for charities of their choice.

13. The London Marathon is the world's largest fund-raising event.

14. 710,000 bottles of water consumed by runners in 2012.

15. David Stone beat six competitors to break the Guinness World Record for the fastest marathon dressed as a book character. The 42-year-old from Exmouth, in Devon, dressed as Count Dracula and completed the run in two hours 42 minutes, smashing the previous record of three hours and two minutes. He is already a record holder after dressing as Superman last year to break the record for fastest marathon dressed as a superhero.

Athletics spotlight: London Marathon 2012



I never considered pulling out – Farah

MO FARAH insists he never had any thoughts of pulling out of the Virgin London Marathon in the wake of the Boston bombings and claimed the level of security at the 2012 Olympics provided all the safety assurances he needed.

The Olympic 5,000 and 10,000 metres champion, pictured above, will make his debut on the streets of the capital on Sunday.

But the controversy over his plan to run only half the race has been overshadowed by the attacks at Monday's Boston Marathon, which killed three people.

The 30-year-old, who is based in the United States in Portland, Oregon, said the best way to show support for the victims was to run in London.

"I heard about it when I got home (from training)," the 30-year-old said.

"I turned the TV on after my father-in-law told me. It's sad news, you don't want to hear anything bad about anyone and people were out there enjoying themselves."

"My support goes out to all the people involved, their families and loved ones.

"But they would want us to carry on and show our support. Why would you let it stop you?"

Security for the race has been stepped up to ensure the safety of athletes and spectators.

Farah added: "London's a great city. It's where I grew up, where I've done everything, so I know better than anyone else."

"For me there was never a concern at all (about competing). I am here to do a job."

"I've got great memories of the London Olympics. What we did as a nation in terms of everything was incredible and I believe we can do a similar job to that."

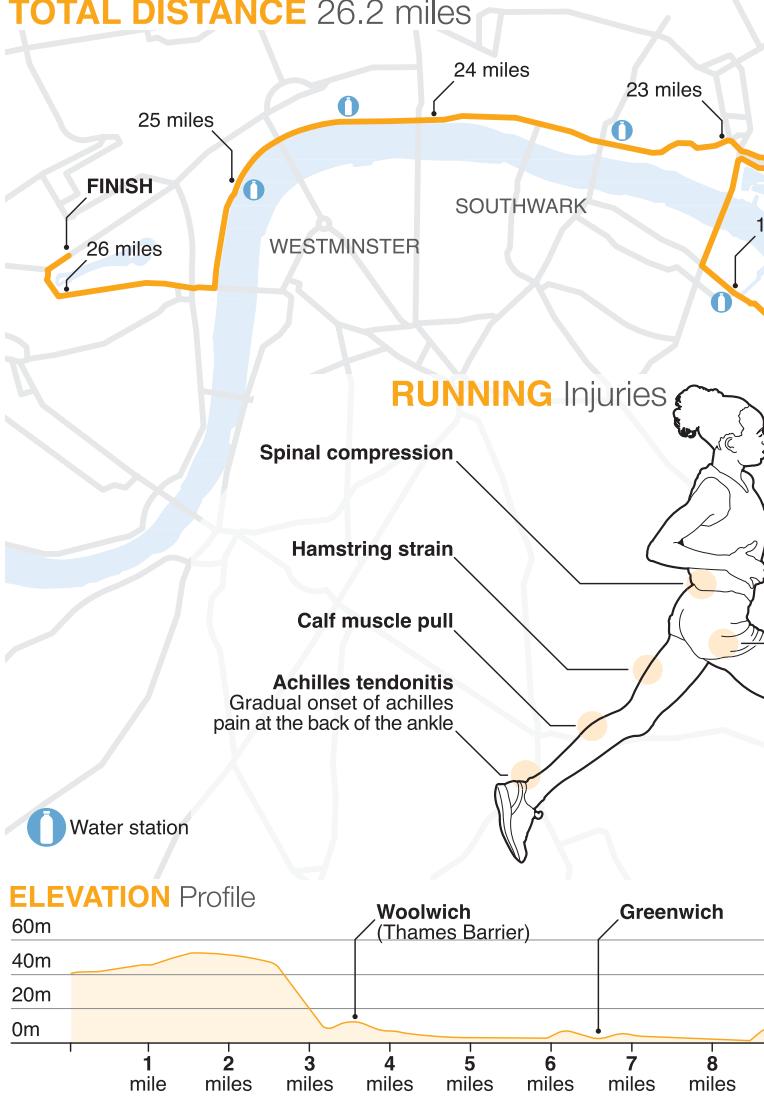
"I can just go out there in a race and I don't need to worry about it, just about the race."

Farah's wife and young family have not travelled to London, but simply because he and his wife were unwilling to disrupt their twin daughters' routine by taking them halfway round the world.

He said his family had no worries about him competing.

VIRGIN LONDON MARATHON 2013

TOTAL DISTANCE 26.2 miles



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Athletics spotlight: London Marathon 2012

I'll start but I won't finish, says Mo

MO Farah will start this weekend's London Marathon – but he has no plans to finish it.

The double Olympic champion aims to drop out at halfway in preparation for running the run race next year.

Paula Radcliffe was one to query it, but for Farah himself it makes perfect sense.

He said: "The whole point is to try and learn from it and my aim is to come out here, learn about the race and get used to the course so next year I'm ready to go.

"It's a no-brainer really.

"If someone's giving you a practice run, why would you turn that down? There's a lot of criticism, but that's part of life. You can't keep everyone happy."

And there is, he stressed, no chance of him going all the way to the finish line.

"I'm 25-1 to finish the race," he added.

"That ain't going to happen.

"If anyone's got money lying around they can give it to the Mo Farah Foundation because I'm definitely not going to finish it."

Farah was cagey when asked about

reports he had been sent to work with controversial sprint coach John Smith to improve his kick finish.

Smith, who coached former 100m world record holder Maurice Greene, was linked to the BALCO drug scandal, although he has always denied any wrongdoing.

"We have worked with him, but can't tell you any more than that," Farah said.

"(My coach) Alberto (Salazar) is not afraid to get advice from people. If someone's going to help you, that's how it is."

With Farah not going all the way to the finish line, Scott Overall will lead the British challenge in the men's race, while in the women's race Amy Whitehead will be looking to secure the qualifying time for the World Championships in Moscow in August.

HOME HOPES: Scott Overall, left, and Amy Whitehead with Mo Farah.



Watson stands down as vice captain

■ CRICKET

SHANE Watson has stood down as vice-captain of Australia's cricket team, ending his tumultuous term as Michael Clarke's deputy.

The 31-year-old all-rounder struggled for form in Australia's recent 4-0 Test series loss in India and was disciplined for failing to complete a team assignment.

Had the former Hampshire star not quit the position, it is believed the decision would have been made for him by the Cricket Australia hierarchy.

The decision was announced by CA today, with a new vice-captain to be selected before the Champions Trophy in June.

Watson, pictured below, said in a CA statement: "Making the decision to step down wasn't easy but it's something I've been thinking about since the Test series against India ended.

"I think it's the right time for a change for both the team and me. I'll be honest and admit I wrestled with the decision for some time, however once I made up my mind, I informed Cricket Australia so the selectors could consider their options for the Ashes given the squads will be announced soon.

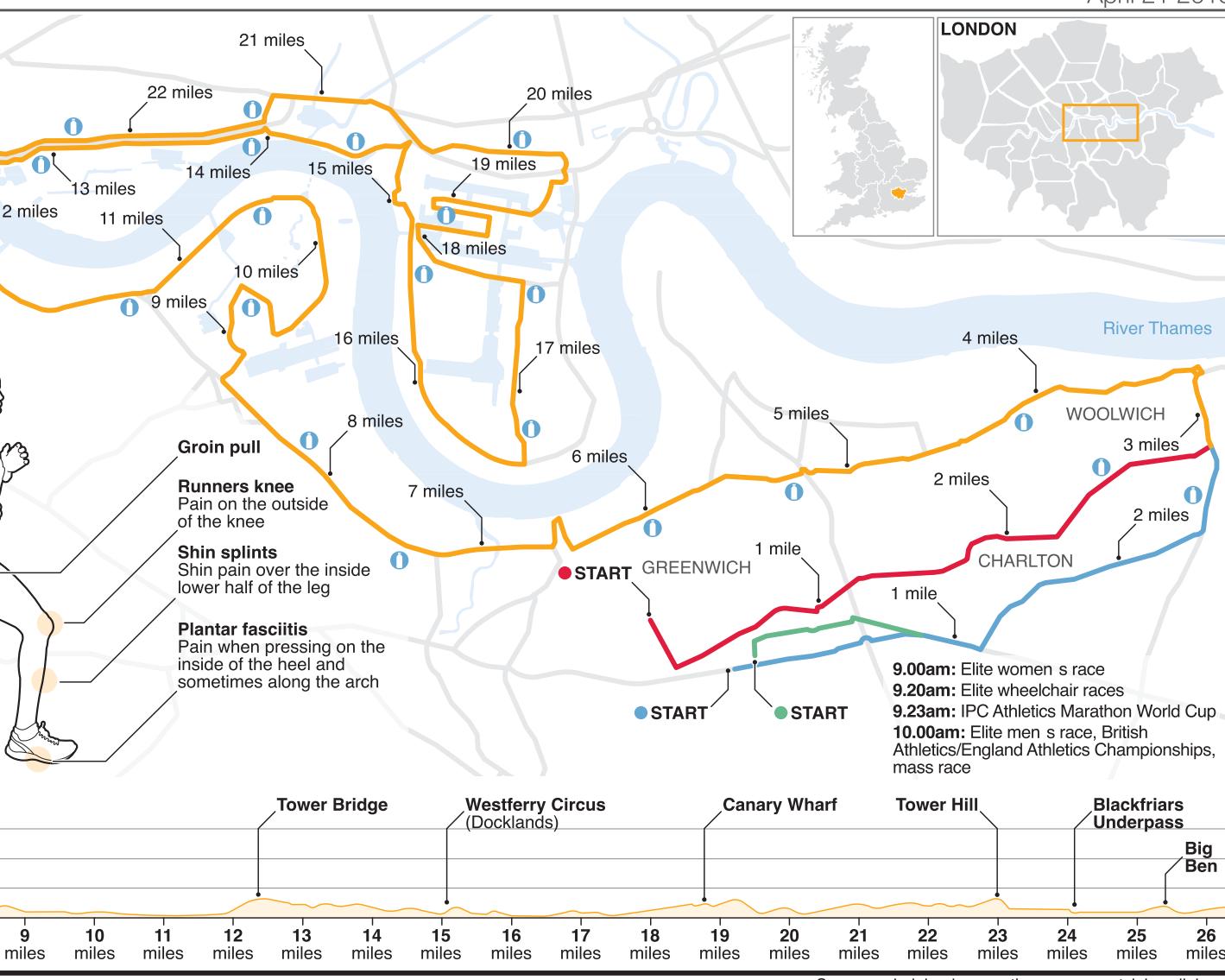
"I want to be the best Test player I can be for Australia and think I can do that by stepping down from the vice-captaincy to focus my attention on scoring runs, taking wickets and doing whatever is necessary to help the team achieve success.

"I won't be the vice-captain in title but I think I can still be a leader and strong contributor around the group.

"Yesterday I rang John Inverarity, Mickey Arthur and Michael Clarke to advise them of my decision and they respect that decision and agree with me that this is the best outcome for me and the team.

"I thank Cricket Australia for the leadership opportunity over the past two years and I'm really looking forward to this next phase.

"In my conversations with Mickey and Michael I reaffirmed my commitment to the team and support for them as we fight to win back the Ashes and get back to being ranked number one in the world."



Sources: virginlondonmarathon.com, sportsinjuryclinic.net

HAMPSHIRE CRICKET – SEE PAGES 42-43

Non-league Football

Knapton provides spark for Saints

■ GIRLS' FOOTBALL

SOUTHAMPTON Saints G&LFC under-16s won 3-0 against Isle of Wight away from home.

After a goal-less first half, Saints started the second half brightly and had plenty of chances through Hannah Knapton and Olivia Jones. It was Knapton that broke the deadlock with a great strike from 20 yards. Megan Chapman made it 2-0 shortly after before Knapton sealed the win with her second of the afternoon.

Saints' under-15s enjoyed 4-0 home rule over Mudeford Flames.

Paris Payne put them ahead with a crisp strike and Hannah Knapton made it two before Eilidh Currie scored with a powerful strike from distance. There was time for one more before the break as Saints skipper Tiffany Eley guided Lisbeth Mottashed's cross into the far corner.

Mudeford came out fighting in the second half and Saints' defence and goalkeeper needed to be at their best to prevent them scoring.

The club's under-12s drew 3-3 with Sarum Youth under-13s.

Saints started slowly and conceded early on from a poorly defended corner. Within minutes Saints had woken up and Libby O'Dell put them back on level terms.

A goal from skipper Abbie Lee put Saints in front at half-time.

A deflected shot pulled Sarum back level early in the second half before Saints' Lee calmly finished a perfect through ball from Eleanor Elsey.

Saints then looked to hold out but Sarum equalised in stoppage time to make it 3-3.

Saints' under-11s secured second place in the league with a 6-1 victory at Winchester Flyers.

Alicia Hill put the hosts ahead but Saints responded well and Kia Anteney earned her side a penalty which captain Jennifer King dispatched. Anteney then scored her first goal for Saints when Simge Rosz put in a magnificent cross for her to finish.

Saints continued to dominate and captain King scored again when Beth Maxwell's shot rebounded into her path. Lisa Gilham continued to dominate in midfield creating chance after chance, helping her side to a 6-1 victory.

A hat-trick from Larissa White, two goals from Charlotte Webb and the first of the season for Francesca Mansen secured the league title for Saints' under-tens in a 6-0 win at Widbrook.

■ Southampton Saints G&LFC first team lost 8-0 at Plymouth Argyle.

The visitors got off to a poor start conceding with just five minutes on the clock through Argyle's Katie Middleton.

Saints gave away a penalty just a minute later and Middleton converted from the spot to double the lead. Argyle continued to dominate the rest of the first half and took a 6-0 lead into the break.

Argyle made it seven just after the break and a miserable Saints afternoon was capped off as Argyle made it eight just before the final whistle.

CRICKETERS USE COLE POWER TO TURN UP THE TITLE HEAT

JOHN Cole scored four goals as Cricketers Arms thrashed Titans 8-0 to keep the pressure on Sherfield English at the top of Junior 2.

John Cole (4), Sam Treadaway (2), Joe Moore and Lee Birch scored for Cricketers, who led 7-0 at half-time, **writes ALEX PINDAR**.

Cricketers had beaten Sporting Compass 3-2 three days earlier with goals from Treadaway, Moore and Adam Brown. Ross Breckenridge and James Sloan replied.

Compass suffered another loss last Sunday when they were beaten 4-2 by Cherbourg, who scored through Matt Henriett (2), Mark Henty and Ben Johnson. David Brumwell and Kevin Betlem replied.

Junior 3 table-toppers AFC Horns maintained their 100 per cent record with two comfortable midweek victories.

They hammered Riverside 9-0 before thrashing Portswood United 7-0 two days later. There were only two scorers against Riverside – Dan Smith scoring five and Mike Randall four. Smith (2), Randall, Jamie Feasey, Dean Laxton, Stu Laxton and Jason Gradidge netted against Portswood who then lost 3-2 at home to LH Galaxy last Sunday. Garry Whitten, Daniel Champion and Oliver Popham moving the winners up to second. Brandon Shephard and Dan Khdir replied.

Matt Whale scored four goals and Pete Dyde the other as Landguard Rovers beat rock bottom Sherfield English Reserves 5-0 away.

In Junior Division 4, AV Chivas beat Royale Marine 3-2 to stretch their lead at the top to four points. A Harry Hunt double wasn't enough for Royale Marine as Jon Andrews, Ben Davies and Dave Hall earned all three points for Chivas. Marine had beaten AFC

City of Southampton Sunday League

Portswood 6-4 in midweek with goals from James Shipp (2), Hunt, Sam Pinney and Pete Howar. Ian Lipscombe (2), Rob North and Leo Norman replied.

Durley lost 5-3 to Boyatt Wood Wanderers, who scored through Jason Palmer, Adam Shephard, Sam Drummond and Adam Biddiscombe. Owen Williams (2) and George Slimm replied.

Following on from their 2-1 win at Athletico Totton, Portsdown beat Sporting Compass Reserves 3-1, thanks to goals from Luke Chambers, Chris Norman and Alex Azadegan, to move up to second. Stuart Griffin replied. Chambers and Azadegan had scored in the midweek success at Athletico.

Sporting Compass Reserves lost 2-0 to AFC Bishopstoke Reserves in midweek with second-half goals from Luke Harris and Tom Parkes.

HSC Southern Stars came from behind at half-time to beat Test Valley Spartans 4-1. Dan Grove gave Spartans the lead before Ranazan Mohammed, Tanade Abdihamen and a David Velho brace gave the home side the win.

RIGHT: Dean Laxton was on target for AFC Horns.



Chartwell's goals Rosh

IN JUNIOR 5, Obelisk beat Burridge AFC 4-1 in midweek with goals from Scott Clement, Ryan Idles, Sam Wyeth and Mitch Turley.

Chartwell Green Reserves won 4-0 at JSC with Grant Murdoch (2), David Lawson and Craig King on target.

Pete Rosher scored four goals

as Chartwell Green caned Castle Inn 7-1 in a midweek Junior Division 1 clash. Sam Lovell, Richard Mannion and Karl Lloyd were also on target while Simon Bell replied.

Woodmill beat Newtown Athletic 7-1 the same evening with Tom Weller (3), James Fry (2), Richard Adams and Craig

Johnson on target. Mohammad Ahmed replied.

City Central came from behind to beat Westwood Old Boys 2-1 to reach the AJ Miller Cup final.

Daniel Mason and Sanchez McLean scored to set up a final date with Knighton Arms.

The two clubs met in the Hampshire FA Sunday Senior

Cup final earlier this month, Knighton winning 3-0. And Knighton have also beaten Central in the Southampton FA Sunday Senior Cup this season.

In the DR Ryder semi-final, Woodmill beat Sherfield English 5-1 thanks to goals from Tommy Stringer (2), James Fry, Steve Allen and Jack Jewell.

■ CITY OF SOUTHAMPTON SUNDAY LEAGUE STANDINGS

Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Knighton Arms	7	7	0	0	35	3	21
City Central	9	7	0	2	36	11	21
Chamberlayne Athletic	9	3	2	4	22	40	11
Totton Town	7	3	1	3	17	15	10
Old Mill	10	3	1	6	23	34	10
Westwood Old Boys	8	2	0	6	17	35	6
K.R.L.	8	1	2	5	12	24	5

Senior Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Linden Tree	10	9	1	0	54	10	18
Sholing Celtic	10	7	1	2	52	20	22
Lyndhurst & N.H.	9	4	0	5	50	23	12
Eastbrook Harriers	9	4	0	5	26	27	12
Old House at Home	10	3	0	7	15	46	9
Bedes Lea 97	10	1	0	9	8	79	3

Junior 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bridge A.F.C.	11	11	0	0	56	9	33
Athletico H.C.	13	9	2	2	43	17	29
Woodmill	8	7	0	1	36	14	21
Chartwell Green	14	4	4	6	30	24	16

Junior 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sherfield English	12	9	2	1	55	22	29
Cricketers Arms	13	8	2	3	42	27	26
A.F.C. Southampton	9	8	0	1	33	6	24
A.F.C. Bursledon	13	7	0	6	35	37	21
Cherbourg	13	6	0	7	36	34	18
Sporting Compass	10	3	0	7	26	28	9
Titans	13	3	0	10	17	55	9
Hedge End Club	12	2	1	9	25	48	7

Junior 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Obelisk	12	11	0	1	62	14	33
Bridge AFC Res	15	10	1	4	52	33	31
Chartwell Green Res	11	8	1	2	46	15	25
Itchen Saints	14	7	2	5	49	35	23
A.F.C. Bishopstoke	11	7	1	3	31	20	22
Ampfield	12	7	0	5	50	47	21

Junior 4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
A.V. Chivas	14	11	0	3	40	22	33
Hampshire Yeoman	12	9	2	1	37	14	29
Royale Marine	11	7	2	2	35	17	23
A.F.C. Portsdown	12	6	2	4	31	31	20
E.D.I.S.	11	6	1	4	30	24	19
Eastpoint	11	4	2	5	22	20	14
Boyatt Wood Wndrs	13	4	1	8	34	44	13
Durley	13	3	1	9	24	33	10
A.F.C. Marchwood	15	0	1	14	20	68	1

Junior 5

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Obelisk	12	11	0	1	62	14	33
Bridge AFC Res	15	10	1	4	52	33	31
Chartwell Green Res	11	8	1	2	46	15	25
Itchen Saints	14	7	2	5	49	35	23
A.F.C. Bishopstoke	11	7	1	3	31	20	22
Ampfield	12	7	0	5	50	47	21

Under-21 Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Burridge Youth	7	5	2	0	39	10	17
Crofton Saints	7	5	1	1	34	8	16
Hedge End Rangers	9	5	1	3	37	15	16
Michelmersh & Tims	11	0	0	11	11	88	0

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Youth Football

QK Southampton under-13s, pictured, have been given a generous kick-start from a local McDonald's franchisee.

Bryan Rupping, franchisee of the Shirley Road McDonald's restaurant, has donated training equipment including footballs, bibs and cones to help the team.

The team, which plays in Southampton Tyro Division 1, are celebrating another successful season after winning the Southampton Tyro Challenge



Cup final.
Rupping said: "I'm thrilled to be able to help support my local team in this way. The coaches at

QK Southampton devote themselves tirelessly to the game, enabling access to the sport for a huge amount of

youngsters locally.
"I hope that the new equipment helps the team to continue their recent success."



Winchester City Flyers under-15 girls celebrate after beating Haslemere 4-1 to retain the North East Hants Cup. Goals came from Francesca (2), Jasmine and Hollie. The team have now completed a league and cup double two seasons running.

PANTHERS POUNCE TO LAND CUP



CUP KINGS: Romsey Town Panthers Under-13s celebrate after winning the Tommy Traynor Trophy final at AFC Totton's Test Park.

ROMSEY Town Panthers U13's lived up to their billing as Tommy Traynor Trophy final favourites.

Having beaten opponents Sarisbury Sparks twice in their two league encounters, the Panthers put in an assured performance to win 1-0 and lift the trophy.

Both teams started a little nervously, as they got used to the pitch, its surroundings and the occasion itself at AFC Totton's Test Park but it was Sarisbury who got the first shot away after six minutes – well saved by Romsey keeper Jack Harvie.

That seemed to switch on Romsey, with Haydn Barnes and Jonty Crossland both causing problems for Sarisbury.

Panthers' first effort came after an excellent left-wing run by highly impressive skipper George Ockwell. He crossed for Louis Andrews to shoot first time just over. Then Jake

Haskell put an effort wide as Romsey, confidence growing, began to take control.

The Sarisbury keeper bravely fell at the feet of Crossland after a beautiful right wing cross by Andrews and saved a Barnes shot.

Barnes and Crossland were again involved as Andrews shot narrowly wide.

Panthers' back line were extremely solid, the central defence pairing of Ockwell and Regan Fellingham in particular limiting Sarisbury to a couple of long range efforts.

Andrews hit the Sarisbury bar and Mitchell Wheeler and Andrews saw further efforts well saved in the one way traffic.

Angus Hannigan and Crossland went close and Town pressure was rewarded when Crossland latched onto a through ball from Ockwell to calmly beat the keeper, rewarding Romsey's persistence and quality of play.

Barnes could have had a hatful of goals as Romsey kept up the pressure in the second half, while Ockwell organised and marshalled his defence with Fellingham, Tyler Rose and Jack Houghton making light work of any Sarisbury breaks.

Town nearly got their second goal when Nathan Lewis hit the post from close range, then fired just wide.

But Sarisbury nearly levelled when their number nine fired a tremendous shot just wide when well positioned and Ockwell then made a last ditch tackle to again deny Sarisbury an equaliser.

But Jamie Marshall and new boy Ben Manning in midfield worked tirelessly to counter increasing pressure from Sarisbury.

There were chances at both ends and Town keeper Harvie made a fantastic double save near the end to make sure of the trophy.

TESTWAY YOUTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE TABLES

Under 10 - Division 1						
	P	W	D	L	F	A Pts
Upper Clatford	17	14	1	2	52	18
Porton	17	11	2	4	58	34
CK Andover U10	14	10	2	2	46	15
Broughton	16	9	3	4	44	26
Bishops W Red	14	7	0	7	46	43
Barton Stacey	15	6	2	7	34	32
Tidworth Titans	14	5	3	6	36	39
Braishfield Bees	14	4	4	6	25	27
Lyndhurst	14	1	0	13	8	62
South Wonston	17	0	1	16	28	81
Under 10 - Division 2						
	P	W	D	L	F	A Pts
Tidworth Gunners	16	14	0	2	71	14
Shooters	17	12	3	2	39	18
Winchester Flyers	15	10	3	2	56	21
Tidworth Typhoons	16	9	2	5	47	30
Worthy's 10 Red	14	8	0	6	46	21
Whitchurch Utd	17	7	1	9	31	48
Simply Soccer	15	6	0	9	37	35
Fordingbridge Tn	15	5	1	9	24	29
Worthy's 10 Blue	15	1	1	13	13	69
Bishops W Blue	16	0	1	15	16	95
Under 11 - Division 1						
	P	W	D	L	F	A Pts
Barton Stacey	14	11	1	2	49	13
Bishops Waltham	14	10	1	3	68	24
Whitchurch United	14	8	2	4	47	25
Clarendon Juniors	13	5	3	5	22	23
CK Andover U11	13	5	2	6	33	49
Braishfield Bees	13	5	1	7	34	36
Lyndhurst	13	2	5	6	12	22
Shipton Bellinger	14	0	1	13	12	85
Under 11 - Division 2						
	P	W	D	L	F	A Pts
West Hammar	16	14	1	1	84	5
Fordingbridge	16	12	0	4	83	18
Tidworth Tigers	16	12	0	4	95	36
Upper Clatford	16	10	1	5	69	32
Braishfield Hornets	16	9	0	7	50	46
Worthy's 11	16	6	0	10	39	45
Wallop	16	5	0	11	45	69
South Wonston	16	3	0	13	44	66
Andover New Strt	16	0	0	16	10	202
Under 12 - Division 1						
	P	W	D	L	F	A Pts
Shooters	17	16	0	1	109	13
Lyndhurst	15	14	0	1	74	9
Clarendon Juniors	17	11	1	5	39	12
Salisbury City	17	10	2	5	54	38
Upper Clatford	16	9	0	5	47	21
CK Andover U12	14	9	0	5	47	21
Fordingbridge Tn	17	5	1	11	28	63
Whitchurch	18	4	0	14	37	98
Hatch Warren	15	3	1	11	17	57
Braishfield	15	3	1	11	23	65
Littleton Lions	15	1	2	12	16	68
Under 12 - Division 2						
	P	W	D	L	F	A Pts
Littleton Leopards	14	12	0	2	82	23
Shipton Bellinger	14	11	0	3	70	25
Worthy's	14	8	2	4	39	28
Upper Clatford	14	8	0	6	44	37
Porton	14	7	1	6	44	32
Tidworth Hurr	14	4	2	8	36	44
South Wonston	14	1	2	11	11	60
Bishop Waltham D	14	1	1	12	8	81
Under 13 - Division 1						
	P	W	D	L	F	A Pts
Whitchurch United	16	12	1	3	53	22
Ludgershall Sports	11	9	1	4	16	26
Upper Clatford	13	8	2	3	47	26
Porton	14	7	1	6	44	22
Tidworth Hurr	14	4	2	8	36	44
South Wonston	14	1	2	11	11	60
Bishop Waltham D	14	1	1	12	8	81
Under 13 - Division 2						
	P	W	D	L	F	A Pts
Porton	17	16	1	0	118	22
Broughton	18	8	3	7	44	55
Worthy's 13	16	8	2	6	43	42
Vernham Dean	18	7	3	8	45	58
Lyndhurst	17	6	4	7	53	40
Tidworth Hotshots	18	4	10	31	65	16
Fordingbridge Rov	16	1	3	12	67	6
Under 14 - Division 1						
	P	W	D	L	F	A Pts
Winchester Youth	10	7	1	2	45	17
Stockbridge Youth	10	6	2	2	41	26
Hatch Warren	11	6	1	4	38	24
Salisbury City	10	6	1	3	29	21
Fordingbridge Tn	12	6	1	5	19	23
Littleton Leopards	9	3	0	6	34	10
Overton	12	0	0	12	13	68
Under 14 - Division 2						
	P	W	D	L	F	A Pts
Vernham Dean	17	13	2	6	20	41
South Newton	16	12	1	3	30	37
Bishop Waltham D	17	7	2	8	30	40
Shipton Bellinger	16	4	1	11	28	55
Clarendon Juniors	17	3	3	11	32	57
Littleton Swifts	14	1	0	13	78	3
Under 15 - Division 1						
	P	W	D	L	F	A Pts
Winchester Youth	14	13	1	0	89	15
Amesbury Juniors	16	13	0	3	87	35
Stockbridge	12	9	2	1	45	18
South Newton	12	9	1	2	67	30
Ludgershall Sports	15	7	2	6	50	44
Shooters	15	4	2	10	27	35
Clarendon Juniors	16	3	3	10	33	78
Littleton Leopards	15	3	2	10	25	45
Andover NS	15	2	5	8	21	54
Littleton Lions	16	1	1	14	25	109
Under 15 - Division 2						
	P	W	D	L	F	A Pts
Fordingbridge	18	14	0	4	67	28
Whitchurch	16	13	1	2	57	22
South Newton & W	16	12	1	3	61	21
CK Andover U15	13	5	2	6	33	41
Redlynch & W	15	3	5	2	10	61
Worthy's 15	15	3	0	12	26	49
Alderbury	15	1	0	14	13	10
Under 16 - Division 1						
	P	W	D	L	F	A Pts
Lee Filters	18	13	4	1	43	15
Basing Rovers	14	10	1	3	54	15
Andover New Street	16	8	2	6	45	37
South Wonston	15	6	3	6	24	27
Bishop Waltham	13	4	2	7	21	14
Whitchurch	16	4	2	10	27	56
Salisbury City	18	3	0	15	27	64
Under 16 - Division 2						
	P	W	D	L	F	A Pts
Fordingbridge	14	12	1	1	48	20
Basingstoke Colts	17	3	3	2	45	24
Littleton Juniors	13	7	2	4	55	23
Lyndhurst	14	6	3	5	37	32
Worthy's 16	14	6	3	5	32	29
Vernham Dean	13	4	0	9	19	35
Braishfield	13	3	2	8	17	30
Fordingbridge Rang	14	2	0	12	19	59

Youth Football



BEATEN FINALISTS: Peter Symonds. Back row (from left): Martin Buckthorpe, Elliott Braund, Sam Jenkins, Fin Taylor, Si Mennear and Brad Appleby. Front: Scott Hills, Harrison Moore, Jordan Prince and Jack Brady.



PALMED OFF: Peter Symonds' Scott Hills forces a save.

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GOLDEN GOODBYE: Adam Tomasso pictured with the Hampshire Sixth Form Colleges sixes trophy after his final game in Itchen's colours.



BROCKENHURST: Back row (from left): Jesse Gould, Luke Flux, Caleb Porter, Bryce Banfield and Sam O'Hagan (coach). Front: Tom Du Faur, Jake King, Charlie Crane and Harry Morgan.



POOLE GRAMMAR: Despite having Christchurch teenage hotshot Harry Cornick in their line-up, Poole reached the quarter-finals before losing to Bournemouth. Back row (from left): Steve Llewelyn (coach), Ben Mogg, Jordan Howlett and Liam Donachy. Front: Ashley Cox, Harry Cornick, Jack Purchase and Dan Kellaway.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

THERE'S no stopping Itchen, who continue to dominate and set records in the Hampshire Sixth Form Colleges soccer arena.

League champions yet again this season, they became the first college to win the 112-year-old six-a-side tournament for a fourth successive time when they beat Peter Symonds in an energy sapping contest at the Southampton Sports Centre, **writes MIKE VIMPANY**.

A last minute own goal clinched a 2-1 victory for Itchen in the final, although Peter Symonds were comfortably adrift on corner kick points when Sam Jenkins thudded the 'winner' into his own goal via the upright in a vain attempt to keep out Rudi Plummer's shot.

Jenkins had been predicting throughout the afternoon that he would score – but scoring an own goal probably wasn't what he had in mind!

Both sides scored in the opening 60 seconds of the final – the versatile Scott Hills scoring for PSC straight from the kick off and Adam Tomasso – Itchen's goalscorer-in-chief on the day – replying instantly.

Ross Casey, one of several players wearing Itchen colours for a last time, dived to his left to save a Hills penalty before half-time, after which his team clocked up seven 'corner points' to effectively win it.

Itchen twice had to come from behind to beat an enterprising Southampton City side 4-2 in the semi-finals.

Ironically, 'corner points' carried



CUP KINGS: Itchen show off their silverware. Back row (from left): Joe Chamberlain, Matt Burt, Ross Casey, Joe Dudley, Dillon Smith and Rudi Plummer. Front: Michael Lamb, Ben Wilson, Adam Tomasso and Jamie Blackburn.

Peter Symonds through their semi-final with Bournemouth, whose surge to the last four included a 3-1 victory over arch rivals Poole Grammar, in which DJ Whittaker, Chris Speers and

Sean Smyth hit the target.

Jordan Prince, the ex-Crestwood School hotshot, notched a hat-trick in Peter Symonds' 5-2 quarter-final win over Sparsholt, who led 2-1 at one stage.

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Youth Football



MISS: Peter Symonds' Elliott Braund puts a diving header just over during his team's match against Bournemouth.



FULL STRETCH: Peter Symonds goalkeeper Fin Taylor tips a shot over the bar.



BOURNEMOUTH: Took the bragging rights in the Dorset quarter-final, beating Poole Grammar 3-1 before bowing out to Peter Symonds in the semi-finals. Back row (from left): Sean Smyth, Matt Siely, Hayden Fisher and Matt Smith. Front: Chris Speers, DJ Whittaker, James Howard and Ryan Bennett.



ISLE OF WIGHT U14: Back row (from left): Ben Woodhouse (manager), Reece Phillips, Billy Thornton, Tom Ockendon, George Biss, Luke Wedderkop, Dan FLux, Finley Phillips, Dan Hodges, Dan Whitham, Taylor Quick and Jordan Stacy. Front: Ben Herridge, Isaac Cruise, Braeden Carey, Connor Seddon, Ewan Cranwell, Matt Bennett, Miles Holloway, Dylan Lehmann and Ollie McArthur.

Isle of Wight battle country's top teams

THE Isle of Wight under-14s can look back on their performances at the English Schools FA Festival with their heads held high as they recorded a win and two draws, with just the one loss on the final day, writes **RICHARD WILSON**.

Finley Phillips scored both goals in the 2-0 opening day win over the Vale of White Horse, but two draws followed against Gosport & Fareham (0-0) and Bridgwater (2-2), the Island team taking a two-goal lead through Dylan Lehmann, who scored with a sumptuous flick, and Tom Ockendon before the Somerset visitors fought

back to equalise. Fatigued, the Island lost their final match 4-1 to Plymouth.

Isle of Wight coach Mark Woodhouse said: "It's a shame that we couldn't end the week undefeated, but we have to look back and be very happy with how we have performed over the past few days against some top quality sides."

"For Isle of Wight kids, it can sometimes be a huge wake-up call when coming up against opposition from other parts of the country, but we have definitely proved that we can mix with the best and we should be proud of that."

Tom's marathon effort for charity

TOM Gray, who played for Barton Peveril in Hampshire Sixth Form Colleges soccer ten years ago, is running in the London Marathon tomorrow.

The 27-year old, right, is the eldest son of former Saints defender and manager Stuart Gray, and now a fully qualified physiotherapist at Queen Alexandra Hospital, Cosham, writes **MIKE VIMPANY**.

It's his work at the Portsmouth hospital that's persuaded Tom to run the marathon and raise funds for the mental health charity MIND, which gives help and support to people who suffer from mental illnesses.

"To run for 'MIND' I needed to raise £1,650 in sponsorship – a figure I'm delighted to say I've already passed," he smiled.

Gray's fund-raising included a charity five-a-side soccer tournament at PlayFootball Portsmouth – an event entitled 'Mind Games'



and which attracted

teams from Bolton, Birmingham and Cardiff, and raised more than £700.

Tom's family soccer links enticed his father Stuart – now coach under Dave Jones at Sheffield Wednesday – Steve Wigley and Pompey boss Guy Whittingham to act as

guest referees.

"It was a smashing day. Great weather, a very competitive tournament and a lot of money raised, which was the main purpose," he explained.

● To make a donation to Tom Gray visit uk.virginmoneygiving.com/ThomasGray1985.

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Hampshire Cricket Spotlight

Hampshire v Worcs nostalgia

Hampshire v Worcestershire
County Championship, Dean Park, Bournemouth, 1927

Worcestershire first innings

JB Higgins c Boyes b Kennedy	34
LR Serrurier b Bailey	17
AF Lane c Day b Kennedy	44
WV Fox c Mead b Kennedy	2
CV Tarbox c Boyes b Gross	52
MK Foster c Brown b Kennedy	13
HIIH Gibbons c and b Gross	46
CF Root not out	67
HO Rogers c Brown b Newman	6
CB Ponsonby c Tennyson b Gross	8
DV Hill c Gross b Boyes	0
Extras	7
Total (all out, 103.4 overs)	296
Fall: 1-38, 2-94, 3-98, 4-103, 5-119, 6-181, 7-267, 8-274, 9-295, 10-296	

Bowling: Kennedy 27-13-56-4; Newman 33-6-105-1; Bailey 15-2-42-1; Boyes 8.4-0-21-1; Gross 20-2-65-3

Hampshire first innings

HLV Day c Tarbox b Hill	43
G Brown b Rogers	23
R Aird c Foster b Hill	12
CP Mead lbw b Root	142
JA Newman c Foster b Hill	62
LH Tennyson c Gibbons b Hill	16
AS Kennedy c Gibbons b Root	51
CP Bruton c Hill b Root	50
GS Boyes not out	10
J Bailey not out	4
Extras	23
Total (8 wickets, declared, 136 overs)	436
Fall: 1-45, 2-67, 3-106, 4-271, 5-307, 6-332, 7-405, 8-417	

Bowling: Root 47-13-122-3; Tarbox 35-5-111-0; Rogers 20-5-45-1, Hill 23-5-85-4; Lane 7-0-35-0; Serrurier 4-1-15-0

Worcestershire second innings

LR Serrurier c Day b Newman	31
WV Fox c Kennedy b Newman	10
JB Higgins c Brown b Newman	2
AF Lane lbw b Boyes	3
CV Tarbox c Mead b Boyes	0
MK Foster c Kennedy b Boyes	0
HIIH Gibbons c Brown b Bailey	15
CF Root c Gross b Newman	13
HO Rogers c Brown b Newman	1
CB Ponsonby c Mead b Boyes	11
DV Hill not out	0
Extras	9
Total (all out, 44.2 overs)	95
Fall: 1-28, 2-38, 3-41, 4-41, 5-45, 6-53, 7-69, 8-70, 9-95, 10-95	

Bowling: Kennedy 9-4-7-0; Newman 21-8-57-5; Bailey 1-0-3-1; Boyes 13-2-5-19-4

Hampshire won by an innings and 45 runs

Hampshire v Worcestershire
County Championship, United Services, Portsmouth, August 1974

Worcestershire first innings

GM Turner c Jesty b Roberts	7
KW Wilkinson c Stephenson b Herman	23
JA Ormrod c Stephenson b Herman	0
JM Parker lbw b Taylor	7
BL D'Olivera c Richards b Jesty	8
TJ Yardley c Greenidge b Taylor	12
HG Wilcock b Roberts	15
N Gifford run out	9
VA Holder lbw b Roberts	0
JD Inchmore not out	1
BM Brain c Herman b Jesty	0
Extras	12
Total (all out, 55.3 overs)	94
Fall: 1-12, 2-13, 3-25, 4-40, 5-66, 6-68, 7-93, 8-93, 9-95, 10-94	

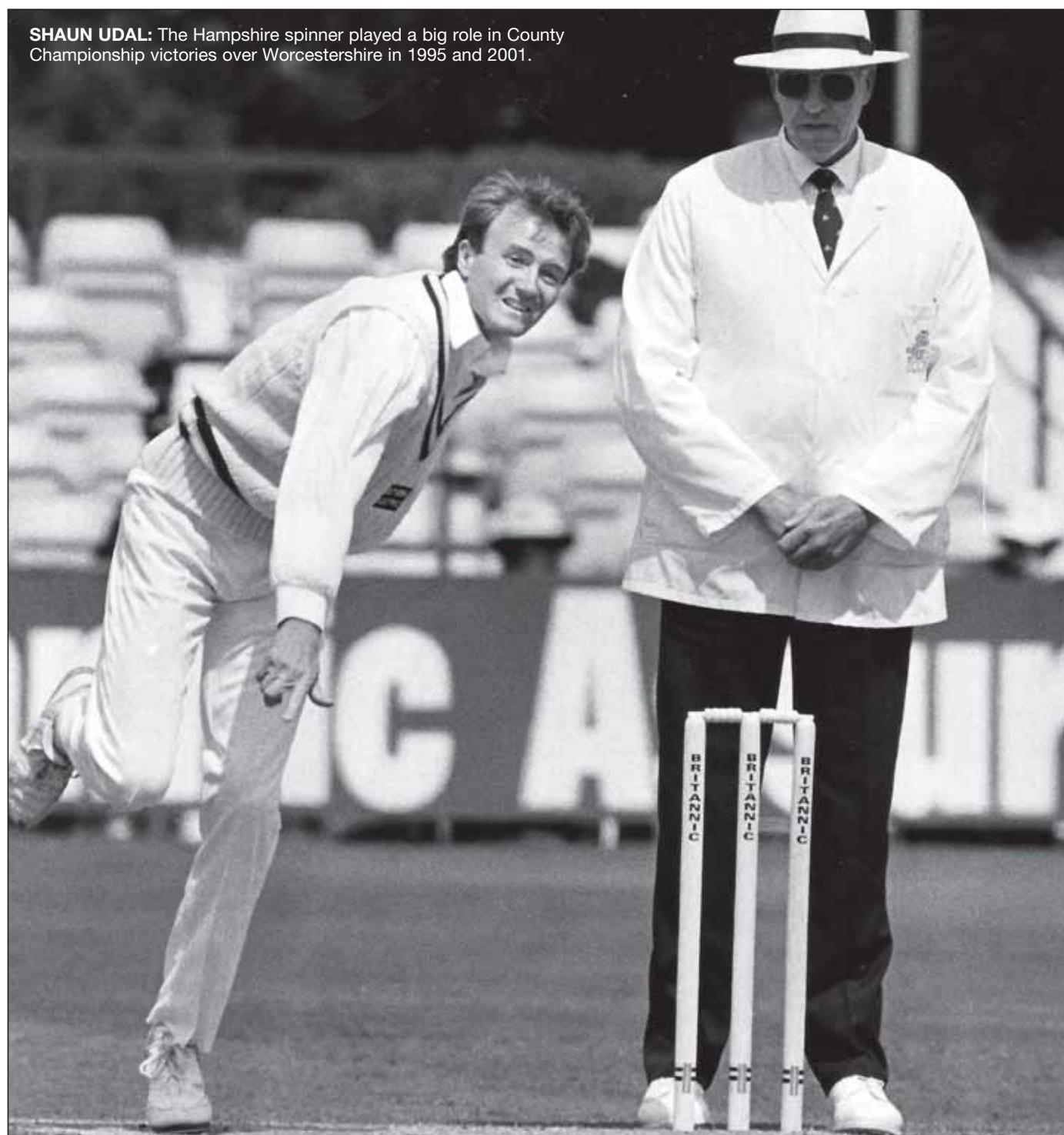
Bowling: Roberts 12-4-17-3; Herman 18-6-23-2

Taylor 16-4-33-2; Jesty 8-3-5-9-2; Cowley 1-1-0-0

Hampshire first innings

BA Richards lbw b Holder	34
CG Greenidge c Wilcock b Brain	3
DR Turner c Wilcock b Holder	47
RMC Gilliat c Wilcock b Brain	62
GR Stephenson c Wilcock b Inchmore	0
TE Jesty c Wilcock b Brain	34
PJ Sainsbury lbw b Brain	6
NGC Cowley c Wilcock b Brain	25
MNS Taylor b Brain	0
RS Herman c Parker b Holder	8
AME Roberts not out	4

SHAUN UDAL: The Hampshire spinner played a big role in County Championship victories over Worcestershire in 1995 and 2001.



Extras

Total (all out, 82.5 overs)

236

Fall: 1-14, 2-50, 3-143, 4-149, 5-153, 6-187, 7-203, 8-203, 9-224, 10-236

Bowling: Holder 20-2-47-3; Brain 29.5-6-74-6; D'Olivera 19-2-56-0; Inchmore 14-2-46-1

Worcestershire second innings

JM Parker c Stephenson b Roberts	22
KW Wilkinson b Herman	0
JA Ormrod c Richards b Herman	40
TJ Yardley lbw b Jesty	1
BL D'Olivera b Roberts	0
HG Wilcock b Roberts	9
N Gifford not out	8
VA Holder lbw b Roberts	1
JD Inchmore b Herman	1
BM Brain run out	8
Extras	8
GM Turner absent hurt	0

Total (all out, 60 overs)

98

Fall: 1-2, 2-50, 3-51, 4-54, 5-77, 6-78, 7-78, 8-80, 9-98

Bowling: Roberts 17-5-29-4; Herman 16-9-9-3; Taylor 8-3-11-0, Jesty 14-5-34-1; Sainsbury 5-2-7-0

Hampshire won by an innings and 44 runs

Hampshire v Worcestershire

Championship, Southampton, June 1995

Hampshire first innings

RSM Morris c Weston b Haynes	27
VP Terry c Leatherdale b Solanki	73
PR Whitaker c Moody b Lampitt	4
TM Moody c Terry b James	20
MCJ Nicholas lbw b Newport	73
GW White c Rhodes b Lampitt	33
DA Leatherdale c Morris b Bovill	17
AN Aymes c Rhodes b Newport	26
SD Udal lbw b Thomas	56
HH Streak c Haynes	38

JNB Bovill c and b Lampitt

.31

DPJ Flint not out

.17

Extras

.33

Total (all out, 135.4 overs)

428

Fall: 1-60, 2-69, 3-169, 4-210, 5-242, 6-252, 7-339, 8-339, 9-390, 10-428

Bowling: Newport 31-8-95-2; Thomas 30-5-98-2; Haynes 25-8-68-2, Lampitt 29.4-10-73-3; Solanki 19-4-76-1; Weston 1-0-1-0

Worcestershire first innings

TS Curtis lbw b Bovill	0
WPC Weston c and b Streak	33
PR Whitaker c and b Solanki	119
MCJ Nicholas not out	138
GW White c and b Moody	21
KD James c Rhodes b Haynes	10
AN Aymes not out	36
Extras	8
Total (5 wickets, declared, 89.4 overs)	344

PJ Newport not out

PA Thomas b Streak

Extras

.17

Total (all out, 78 overs)

289

Fall: 1-0, 2-32, 3-84, 4-104, 5-149, 6-163, 7-214, 8-271, 9-288, 10-289

Bowling: Bovill 15-2-66-4; Streak 18-2-74-2; Udal 19-3-70-2; James 17-2-60-2; Flint 9-4-12-0

Hampshire second innings

RSM Morris c Lampitt b Thomas	.1
VP Terry lbw b Lampitt	.11
PR Whitaker c and b Solanki	119
MCJ Nicholas not out	138
GW White c and b Moody	21
KD James c Rhodes b Haynes	10
AN Aymes not out	36
Extras	8
Total (5 wickets, declared, 89.4 overs)	344

Fall: 1-5, 2-31, 3-230, 4-270, 5-293

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Hampshire Cricket Spotlight



SEVEN WICKETS: Andy Roberts starred in a 1974 victory.



TRIPLE TON: Graeme Hick.

HICK'S HANTS RECORD

IT was a record breaking innings that still stands the test of time.

Back in September 1997, Graeme Hick scored what remains the highest individual innings ever against Hampshire.

At Southampton's former County Ground, the Worcestershire legend compiled a staggering unbeaten triple century.

His unbeaten 303, in a Worcestershire total of 538-2 declared beat Percy Holmes' pre-

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vious record score against Hampshire, established in 1920, by just a single run.

Hick put on an unbroken 438 for the third wicket with ex-Australian Test batsman Tom Moody, who scored 180 not out.

It was a game to forget for Hampshire bowlers Thomas Hansen and Simon Francis, who were both making their

Championship debuts for the county in the end of season encounter.

Hampshire were eventually forced to follow on and lost by nine wickets.

Hick's innings was at the time his second highest for Worcestershire, after his record breaking unbeaten 405 at Somerset in 1988.

But he would surpass it in 2002 with an undefeated 315 against Durham.

As the scorecards on these pages show, Hampshire have enjoyed

their fair share of good Championship wins against Worcestershire, who return to The Ageas Bowl next week for a first class fixture.

West Indian seamer Andy Roberts claimed match figures of 7-46 as the Midlanders were twice skittled for less than 100 at US Portsmouth in 1974.

And Shaun Udal helped spin Hampshire to two more wins against Worcestershire, taking five second innings wickets in 1995 and four more six years later.

Bowling: Newport 10-4-23-0; Thomas 11-3-37-1; Haynes 17-2-56-1, Lampitt 17.4-4-66-1; Solanki 18-3-70-1; Weston 4-0-24-0, Tolley 4-0-23-0; Moody 8-4-5-1

Worcestershire second innings

TS Curtis lbw b Streak 40
WPC Weston c Udal b James 57
CM Tolley c James b Udal 24
TM Moody c Terry b Udal 8
GR Haynes c Aymes b Udal 78
DA Leatherdale lbw b Udal 69
SJ Rhodes lbw b Bovil 43
SR Lampitt not out 22
VS Solanki c Streak b Flint 31
PJ Newport c White b Udal 13
PA Thomas b Flint 0
Extras 28
Total (all out, 125.3 overs) 413
Fall: 1-105, 2-105, 3-130, 4-147, 5-272, 6-313, 7-

347, 8-411, 9-411, 10-413
Bowling: Bovil 25-6-99-1; Streak 14-2-61-1; Udal 46.3-13-144-5; James 15-4-35-1, Flint 23-7-52-2; Whitaker 2-0-6-0
Hampshire won by 70 runs

Hampshire v Worcestershire
Britannic Assurance County Championship,
Southampton, September 1997

Worcestershire first innings
WPC Weston c Hayden b Renshaw 4
KR Springlbw b Udal 42
GA Hick not out 303
TM Moody not out 180
Extras 9
Total (2 wickets, declared, 136 overs) 538
Fall: 1-20, 2-100
Bowling: Renshaw 29.3-106-1; Francis 19-1-97-0; Hansen 24-10-61-0; Udal 31-4-125-1, Stephenson

18-17-6-0; Hayden 3-0-12-0; Whitaker 9-1-42-0; White 3-0-12-0

Hampshire first innings

JS Laney b Lampitt 45
ML Hayden c Leatherdale b Ilingworth 25
GW White c Hick b Moody 62
PR Whitaker c Sheriyan b Ilingworth 20
WS Kendall c Leatherdale b Ilingworth 7
JP Stephenson c and b Ilingworth 18
AN Aymes c Leatherdale b Hick 26
SD Udal st Rhodes b Ilingworth 66
SJ Renshaw c Chapman b Ilingworth 14
TM Hansen not out 12
SRG Francis lbw b Ilingworth 4
Extras 13
Total (all out, 100.2 overs) 312
Fall: 1-75, 2-75, 3-109, 4-119, 5-145, 6-203, 7-243, 8-289, 9-294, 10-312
Bowling: Sheriyan 11-1-44-0; Haynes 5-1-17-0,

Illingworth 42.2-14-79-7; Lampitt 8-2-27-1; Hick 25-3-94-1; Moody 9-1-46-1

Hampshire second innings (following on)

JS Laney b Lampitt 46
ML Hayden c Haynes b Hick 77
GW White lbw b Hick 45
PR Whitaker b Hick 14
WS Kendall lbw b Ilingworth 7
JP Stephenson lbw b Moody 39
AN Aymes c Leatherdale b Ilingworth 12
SD Udal c Moody b Ilingworth 5
SR Lampitt c and b Udal 30
MJ Rawnsley c White b Udal 0
CG Liptrot c Aymes b Morris 5
A Sheriyan not out 0
Extras 8
Total (all out, 95.3 overs) 313
Fall: 1-67, 2-163, 3-184, 4-189, 5-227, 6-239, 7-250, 8-259, 9-287, 10-313
Bowling: Mullally 13-5-23-2; Morris 10.5-2-27-4; Udal 16-6-32-4; Mascalenhas 5-0-20-0
Hampshire won by 124 runs



Illingworth 42-21-68-3, Lampitt 4-1-4-1; Hick 24-6-90-3; Moody 16-2-70-1

Worcestershire second innings

WPC Weston not out 34
KR Spring b Whitaker 24
GA Hick not out 28
Extras 2
Total (1 wicket, 30 overs) 88
Fall: 1-37
Bowling: Hansen 2-0-14-0; Udal 12-1-32-0; Whitaker 13-2-31; Stephenson 3-0-9-0
Worcestershire won by 9 wickets

Hampshire v Worcestershire
Championship division 2, Rose Bowl, May 2001

Hampshire first innings
GW White c Rawnsley b Lampitt 26
DA Kenway c Rawnsley b Sheriyan 12
WS Kendall lbw b Sheriyan 10
RA Smith lbw b Sheriyan 4
NC Johnson c Rhodes b Lampitt 0
JP Stephenson c Singh b Bichel 51
AN Aymes run out 3
AD Mascalenhas lbw b Sheriyan 104
SD Udal c Rhodes b Bichel 23
AC Morris c Rhodes b Lampitt 32
AD Mullally not out 1
Extras 43
Total (all out, 100.5 overs) 309
Fall: 1-20, 2-42, 3-48, 4-49, 5-66, 6-79, 7-221, 8-251, 9-304, 10-309
Bowling: Bichel 29.5-9-100; Sheriyan 32-12-85; Lampitt 15-3-45-3; Liptrot 16-4-43-0; Rawnsley 6-2-12-0; Leatherdale 2-0-15-0

Worcestershire first innings
WPC Weston b Mascalenhas 1
A Singh c Stephenson b Morris 7
GA Hick c Kendall b Morris 120
VS Solanki c Aymes b Mullally 10
DA Leatherdale c Udal b Stephenson 34
AJ Bichel b Udal 15
SJ Rhodes c Kenway b Udal 0
SR Lampitt c Aymes b Mullally 5
MJ Rawnsley b Morris 5
CG Liptrot c White b Morris 2
A Sheriyan not out 6
Extras 31
Total (all out, 84 overs) 236
Fall: 1-8, 2-26, 3-61, 4-168, 5-187, 6-187, 7-215, 8-225, 9-227, 10-236
Bowling: Mullally 28-9-66-2; Morris 17-3-39-4; Mascalenhas 1-7-26-1, Johnson 4-0-22-0; Udal 15-1-62-2; Stephenson 3-0-1-1

Hampshire second innings
GW White lbw b Sheriyan 9
DA Kenway c Rhodes b Liptrot 30
WS Kendall c Rhodes b Sheriyan 0
RA Smith lbw b Bichel 3
NC Johnson c Rhodes b Lampitt 11
JP Stephenson c Leatherdale b Liptrot 8
AN Aymes not out 37
AD Mascalenhas lbw b Bichel 13
SD Udal lbw b Sheriyan 1
AC Morris c Hick b Lampitt 20
AD Mullally c Hick b Sheriyan 1
Extras 26
Total (all out, 58.5 overs) 159
Fall: 1-21, 2-21, 3-30, 4-50, 5-73, 6-76, 7-107, 8-114, 9-155, 10-159
Bowling: Bichel 22-6-55-2; Sheriyan 14.5-2-30-4; Liptrot 8-3-26-2; Lampitt 10-3-27-2; Rawnsley 4-1-14-0

Worcestershire second innings
WPC Weston lbw b Morris 4
A Singh c Johnson b Morris 33
GA Hick c Aymes b Mullally 5
VS Solanki c White b Mullally 5
DA Leatherdale c and b Udal 4
SJ Rhodes c Udal 14
AJ Bichel lbw b Morris 30
SR Lampitt c Udal 0
MJ Rawnsley c White b Udal 0
CG Liptrot c Aymes b Morris 5
A Sheriyan not out 0
Extras 8
Total (all out, 44.5 overs) 108
Fall: 1-5, 2-16, 3-28, 4-33, 5-59, 6-99, 7-102, 8-102, 9-108, 10-108
Bowling: Mullally 13-5-23-2; Morris 10.5-2-27-4; Udal 16-6-32-4; Mascalenhas 5-0-20-0
Hampshire won by 124 runs

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ABOVE AND BELOW: Action from Southampton Spitfires' (blue/white) 50-20 loss to London Skolars.

SPITFIRES GIVEN SKOLARS LESSON

London Skolars U14 50
Southampton Spitfires U14 20

A NEAR full strength Spitfires side were given a lesson in ball control when they travelled to Haringay to face London Skolars, coming away with another defeat despite scoring 20 points.

The error count from the Spitfires was their undoing again as they failed to collect the ball cleanly on a number of occasions, presenting the home side with much more possession than they should otherwise have enjoyed.

Trailing 20-6 at half-time the Spitfires had managed to keep themselves in the contest with a neat try by Jago Lees who dived over to touch down an inch perfect grubber kick that turned the Skolars defence inside out. Ewan Watson converted impressively from the touchline.

The Skolars had opened their account with two tries in the first five minutes before responding to Lees's try with a

RUGBY LEAGUE

pair of long range scores, one up the middle after a barn storming forward's drive and the other from a breakaway beginning deep inside the Southampton half. Their lack of possession restricted Southampton to just two meaningful attacking opportunities in the first half and they went into the break trailing by 14 points.

Southampton showed great desire from the restart and within two minutes Gary Smart cleverly reached over despite the attention of two defenders. Ewan Watson added the extras.

Skolars replied immediately when some indecision in the Spitfires ranks presented them with the ball from their own kick-off and they crossed 15 meters to the right of the posts for a 26-12 lead. Once again the kick-off wasn't dealt with and Skolars regained possession, a knock-on by the home side only delayed their next score as frustratingly Southampton returned the favour on the third tackle,

allowing the London side to spread the ball to the right winger who went the length of the field.

Facing a mounting scoreline Southampton then lost not one but two players to injury, the worst a season ending broken collar bone for on form prop forward Ed Creeden.

The home side maximised their numerical advantage, stretching their lead to 40-12 before Adam Warner provided some rest bite with an unconverted try forged down the right wing and assisted by Smart who kept the ball alive before supplying the scoring pass.

The Skolars rounded off the win with two more tries under the posts, hitting the crossbar with one conversion attempt and succeeding with the other. Southampton had the last word when Adam Warner crossed from close range to round off one of only six completed sets by the visitors.

● For details on all fixtures and training dates visit southampton-spitfires.co.uk.



Winch reach England Hockey final

WINCHESTER fought through to the final at the England Hockey Under-18 event at Old Loughtonians Hockey Club in Chigwell.

Having beaten East Grinstead, ISCA and Havant to get to the semi-finals, a fine Winchester performance saw them beat Sutton Coldfield 3-1.

Fine short-corner routine goals from Ed Ellis and Danny Rawlings in the first half, and a fast open play goal from Danny Rawlings in the second from a Paddy Brown cross was enough to see Winchester comfortably through to the final.

Marlow, who despatched Alderley Edge 4-0 in the other semi-final, were worthy opponents in a tight, fast paced thriller of a final, played in pouring rain.

Early Marlow pressure was matched

by tenacious tackling and counter attacks by Winchester, and with no goals as half time approached, both sides looked evenly matched.

But with two minutes to go, a fine save by Calean Dillon from a Marlow shot was judged to have deflected onto a foot, and the resulting penalty flick put Marlow one ahead.

Winchester dominated the second half but Marlow who played with tenacity and sometimes desperation, to retain their lead – their keeper forced to make many fine saves.

A series of Winchester short corners failed to break the deadlock and, despite a Simon Craig shot rebounding off the post and a Matt Potter shot subsequently resting against a Marlow foot, Winchester could not get the equaliser.



WINCHESTER U18: Back row: Danny Rawlings, Matt Potter, Martin Tsang, Will Goodson, Ed Ellis, Pat Daly, Nigel Lucas, Paddy Brown, Tom Bolam, Felix Gaunt. Front: Chris Wiseman, James Brooke, Howard Chaplin-White, Calean Dillon, Simon Craig, Harry White.

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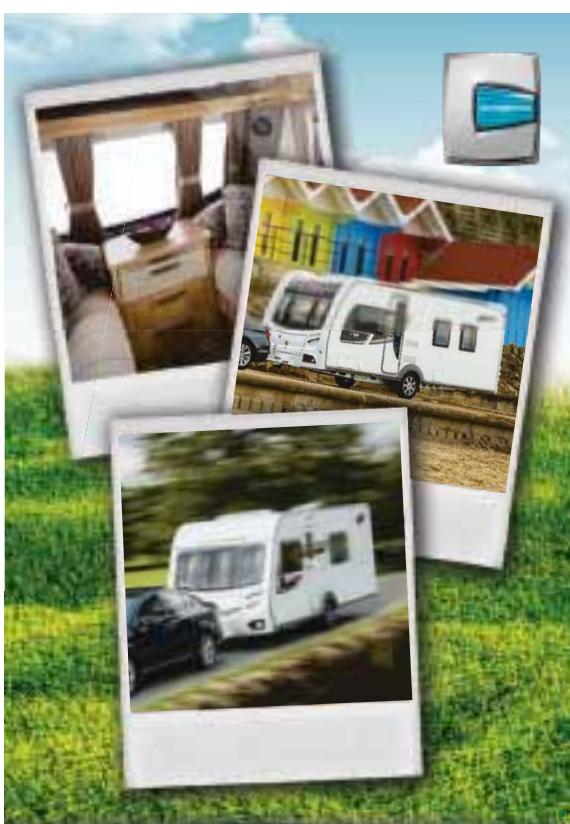
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South Coast Franchise Show Friday 26th April 2013

Focus On Franchising

Jobs fair 'with a difference' at the Portsmouth Marriott Hotel next Friday featuring self employed part & full time franchises for sale...

It's not often in this current era of job cutbacks and general business belt tightening that you'll see an exhibition where companies are clamouring for new workers. But that's exactly what will be going on at the Portsmouth Marriott Hotel next Friday 26th April when it's hosting a major Franchise recruitment event.

30 franchised brands are exhibiting. All are hoping to set up a branch of their business in & around Hampshire, Sussex & Dorset - and all want to meet anyone who is looking for a career change and will consider a move into a self employment.

Franchising is a popular 'half-way-house-mix' of employment and self employment allowing individuals to buy into a national branded business. They will receive a step-by-step blueprint of how to run that particular business model plus have the reassurance and back up of a head office team (and countless other franchisees in other cities) who have developed the business model over years.

The bad bit? The franchised company wants you to pay them for doing all that hard graft of setting up the blueprint.

The good bit? The High Street Banks might well back you - even in these strict lending times since the banks know that franchising has an 80% survival success rate.

Exhibition organiser Mark Monument says:

The South Coast Franchise Show gives jobseekers a genuine alternative to the jobs treadmill. No longer is it a case of just browsing the job pages & job websites, firing off CVs and hoping to land a suitable vacancy. Jobseekers are increasingly trying to create their own flexible career by setting up their own business. A classic case of 'if you can't find a job, then create a job'



So, those who are keen on researching the franchise industry are invited to attend the free exhibition. Mark Monument summarises:

'There's a wide array of full & part time franchises exhibiting. Some require an easy entry, very low investment...some need significant financial input. In all cases, since the franchise owner trains you in how to run their business, visitors needn't feel restricted to a career & industry that they have always worked in. You can refrain as an estate agent or swim coach, a party casino operator or run an auto dealership, or run a fast food outlet ...or anything else you find & fancy that fires your interest but you've never had chance to pursue'

Entry to the exhibition is free - though fast track pre registration can be booked online. Exhibition is open 10.00am - 4.00pm on Friday 26th April at Marriott Hotel, Portsmouth (right next to J12 M27 at Cosham). Further details can be seen on the show website

www.southcoastfranchiseshow.co.uk

Redundancy was the start of running my own business ...

Tony Whiles visited the Southampton Franchise Exhibition at St Mary's Stadium back in 2009 having just been made redundant from his sales manager role.

Having hit a brick wall with numerous job applications, Tony came along to the show just to browse and get some ideas - and two months later had set up his own caravan bodywork repair business with Caravan Medic.

Tony's franchise fee included training at Caravan Medics' head office in Leighton Buzzard, plus was given full product training, marketing ideas & tools to launch his business and find local users for his



service.

Now over three years in, business is going well.

'I was a reluctant person to enter self employment. It was a case of 'needs must' as I needed to find work but it's tough even to get an interview. Buying a franchise has ended up being a great new career though. I'd fully recommend franchising as a means of running your own business. There's always a helping hand available from head office - a bit like having a permanent business mentor to see you through the early days - and I can't recommend self employment enough. Go for it'

Anyone currently looking for a career change can visit & meet over 30 exhibitors on show at the Marriott Hotel, Portsmouth - just off the M27 J12 and A3 interchange. 9.30am - 3.30pm Free Entry. No Ticket Required. Car Parking at Hotel.

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